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THE BOMBARDMENT OF PARIS.

Fearful Destruction by the German Shells—Libraries, Galleries of Art, Churches and Private Houses Destroyed—Women and Children Killed in their Beds.

LONDON, Jan. 14—9 P. M.—Paris newspapers of the 10th inst. have been received, and furnish the following interesting particulars of the bombardment:

They unite in saying that a ram of projetiles (same weighing ninety-six kilograms,) unparalled in the history of the siege, was pouring into that portion of Paris lying between the Hotel des Invalides and the Odeon. The bombardmnnt continues without interruption throughout the day and night, and was so violent on the night of the 8th between the church of St. Sulpice and the Museum, that shells fell every two minutes. Hospitals, ambulances, schools, the public libraries, the churches of St. Sulpice, the Sarbonne and Vol de Grâce, and many private houses, have been struck. Women were killed both in the streets and their beds, and infants in their mothers' arms. One projectile which fell in the Rue Vaugirard killed four children and wounded five others. The unrivalled works of art in the Luxembourg and the Museum were destroyed. The hospital Val de Grace, suffered greatly, and wounded soldiers were there killed in their beds.

Paris is transformed into a battle-field, in which the women show themselves as brave as the men.

The French Fire—Effect on the German Works.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Official advices from Paris state the bombardment was continued throughout the night of the 11th, shell falling every minute in the St. Sulpice quarters. Forts Issy, Vauvres and Montrange also cannonaded with great violence. The reply from the external batteries was so effective as to inflict great damage upon the Prussian fortifications and cause a slackening of their fire. Fort Nogent, the village of Fontenay and the bend of the Marne were also bombarded, without important result. The forts on the eastern side of the city cannonaded the entire Prussian line in that direction with much effect.

A dispatch from Versailles says the bombardment of Paris continued on the 14th. Forts Issy, Vanoures and Moutrouge were silenced.

Ineffectual Sorties of the Garrison—Severe Fighting, but the Assailants Repulsed in Disorder.

LONDON, Jan. 15—3 A. M.—A dispatch just received from Versailles says that on the night of the 13th vigorous sorties have been made by the garrison of Paris in three several directions. The French simultaneously advanced against the Prussian Guards near Le Bourget and DRANCY, north-east of Paris; against the Eleventh German Corps near Menden, south-west of Paris, and against the Second Bavarian Corps near Clamart, also to the south of the city. The fighting in each instance was spirited, but resulted everywhere in the defeat of the French, who, repulsed at all points, retreated rapidly within their works, a portion of them in great disorder.

The French Protest Against the German Fire—Bismarck's Defense of his Mode of Warfare.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The protest of the Paris Government to the foreign Powers against the bombardment of the French capital by the Prussians is in effect as follows:

The bombardment is proceeding wantonly, upon hospitals, ambulances, and churches, and is killing many innocent women and children. All the authorities on war and military usage require that a warning to remove noncombatants shall precede the opening of such an attack upon a city. The bombardment, continues the protest, is not a preliminary to military action, but is an act coldly calculated to devastate the city and strike terror to the citizens by murder and incendiarism. The Government protests loudly in the face of the civilized world at this useless barbarism, and concludes its manifesto by the statement that the inhabitants of Paris are undismayed.

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—Count BISMARCK, in a note just issued to the North German representatives abroad, defends the German mode of warfare, and appeals for witnesses to the English and American reporters with the German armies. He cites two cases as evidence of French barbarity, two cases in which the French fired upon Parlimentaire, and also thirty-one violations of the Geneva Convention. He also says the French use explosive missiles, burn ships, maltreat prisoners, and encourage the violation of their parole by French officers. In conclusion Count BISMARCK says the French rulers do not wish for peace, but gag the Press, prevent the convocation of the National Assembly, and force the people to continue the war.

Effect of the German Fire on the Forts—Destruction of a Bridge Covered with French Troops.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Our correspondent at Versailles, in a dispatch dated the 12th, says:

From 1½ to 5 yesterday the bombardment of Paris was continued vigorously, with only few intermissions of ten and twenty-five minutes respectively.

The destruction of Fort Issy is virtually achieved. Fort Montrouge is breached so completely that from Paiet, near Seeaux, the spectator can see right through to the *enceinte*. The barracks are utterly burned down.

The French were yesterday engaged in bringing troops across the railway from the river. The Gauche bridge, near Bas Meudon, while crowded with men, was struck with shells, broke down, precipitating the soldiers from an immense height, crushing them to death.

At 4 o'clock P. M. our correspondent says the heaviest fighting yet known was then going on, and was directed mainly against the Montrouge. The bombardment was absolutely unceasing for twelve hours.

VON MOLTKE narrowly escaped with his life. He was returning from a visit to the south-western batteries, when a shell burst close to his carriage, covering himself and his aids-de-camp with mud, ice and frozen dirt.

A French dash made at the breastworks resulted in the capture of one officer and twenty men of the Sixth Bavarian infantry.

MANTEUFFEL left Versailles yesterday, after breakfasting with the King, to take a new command.—*Evening Telegram.*

Saturday's Fire General—The Germans Accused of Using Petroleum Shells—Trochu's Order of the Day.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* has special dispatches from Paris to Saturday. The bombardment was slowly maintained against Forts Nogent and Romain all day Friday, but was general on Saturday. The French accuse the Prussians of using petroleum shells. Gen. TROCHU, in his order of the day, renews his laudation of the troops for their courage and steadiness. The *Pall Mall Gazette* has reason to believe that the King of Prussia contemplates leaving Versailles for a short time.

MISCELLANEOUS WAR NEWS.

Operations on the Loire—Chauzy's Army Reorganized—Movements in the East and North.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—It is announced that Gen. CHAUZY'S Army of the Loire has been reorganized, and is about to resume operations. The positions held by Gen. CHAUZY'S forces are very strong.

BORDEAUX, Jan. 16.—Gen. CHAUZY reports minor engagements with the advanced guard of the enemy yesterday, and that he expects a general attack today. The Prussians have been dislodged from Gien, and are retreating on Montargis and Orleans.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—A dispatch from Pruntrut, dated the 13th, reports severe fighting all that day between Herincourt and Croix, in the Department of Haute Saône, which had not closed at a late hour in the evening. The result was unknown. Large reinforcements are stated to be coming from the north to the German Army of the East.

A despatch from Havre says there is constant skirmishing near that city. It is reported that the Prussians are turning the left wing of Gen, FAIDHERBE'S army of the North, and are menacing Cainbrai.

A dispatch from Lille says the army of Gen. FAIDHERBE is daily receiving reinforcements, and is advancing. It encamps during Sunday at Albert, supported on its right by the divisions of Gens. PAULSEE and DEVOY, and on the left by that of Gen. FAVRE. The division of Gen. ROBIN remains at Bapaume.

The Prussians menace a bombardment of Longwy, and the women and children are flying into Belgium and Luxembourg. There was quite a heavy fight on Saturday, near Longwy, in which both infantry and artillery were engaged.

The command of the German Army of the Vosges is assigned to Gen. MANTEUFFEL. This army will comprehend Gen. VON WERDER'S forces, which are to be greatly augmented.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 16.—The Prussians have destroyed the bridge over the Chiers, between Longwy and Arlon. The material for the bombardment of Longwy is being rapidly concentrated in the interior.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The French Provisional Government has authorized the Bank of France to issue a million a half francs of forced paper currency, secured on the State domain.

It is expected that 50,000 Belgian troops will be concentrated upon the French border in case Gen. FAIDHERBE is forced back to the frontier.

BORDEAUX, Jan. 16.—The Germans attacked Gen. CHAUZY yesterday. The army resisted well except in the centre.

Gen. BOURBAKI continues to approach Belfort. He was fighting yesterday, and occupied Montbeliara. The battle was resumed today.

The Battle at Le Mans—The Second Day's Fighting.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The particulars of the second day's fighting from our correspondent with the Army of the Loire, at Le Mans, dated the 11th inst., have arrived.

He describes with minuteness the movements of the troops during the day, attended, as they were, with so terrible a loss of life. The French, he states, made a desperate effort to dislodge the Germans, and an artillery duel of fearful effect commenced. This was continued until dark, when an order reached the French that they were to fall back on Le Mans.

Our correspondent states that he saw the battle from the heights. The sun was on the ground, but the air was crisp and clear. Le Mans was not more than five miles from the field of battle. The Prussian infantry were less than a mile away, the balls occasionally rattling among the trees on the road-side, near the city.

At 4 o'clock in the day the Germans advanced by columns, covered by artillery, against the Chateau des Chartres, a pretty place, which had been made the head-quarters of the French. Here, for the first time, the French battery, hitherto reserved, opened fire, and appeared to take the Germans by surprise. This caused the advance to waver, but it was only for a moment. The Germans pressed forward and attacked the French infantry, which occupied the terraced road below Gen. DE CHAUZY'S position. It soon became evident the French were unable to withstand the heavy charges of the enemy.

About 5 o'clock an order was given for a backward movement, the French artillery still continuing their fire to cover this retreat. Gen. CHAUZY actively superintended the retreat, which was effected in the most complete order. The French, at the time of this retreat, held some of the strongest positions, and it was generally believed that the result of the day's fighting was not irrecoverably adverse to the French.

CHAUZY hoped to renew the fight on the next day, under more auspicious circumstances. Later in the evening an event occurred which made a change in the prospects of the French.

After dark a strong force of Germans renewed the fight. A most important French position, La Tuilerie, was endeavored to be taken by immense masses of infantry and a large force of cavalry, who advanced rapidly, scattering the French forces before them. The French had not anticipated this attack, and the Mobiles of Brittany fled in disorder, taking with them all the French force to the right bank of the River Huisne, and were compelled to make a rapid retreat on Le Mans.

This unforeseen disaster may compel an evacuation of the city, if not an entire break up of CHAUZY'S army.

A council of war is now in session at Le Mans. Should the second Army of the Loire be lost, all French hope is gone.—*Evening Telegram.*

THE PEACE QUESTION.

Cession of Alsace and Lorraine—Condition to be Insisted on—Austrian Mediation—The Story only Premature.

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—The *Kreus Zeitung* of today has an editorial in reference to the rumors which have been in circulation that the neutral States represented in the London Conference will propose the opening of negotiations for peace between France and Prussia, and insists that the Germans demand, and that peace is impossible without, the cession of Alsace and Lorraine.

The semi-official statement is made that the rumor that Austria has offered her services as a mediator between Prussia and France is at least premature.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

French Representation—M. Jules Favre's Embarrassing Situation—Difficulty of Exit from Paris—Turkey's Relations with Roumania and Egypt.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The *Observer* of today says no information was received last night relative to the departure of JULES FAVRE from Paris. The Government of Bordeaux are anxious that FAVRE should attend the London Conference, but not knowing his wishes in the matter, do not feel at liberty to appoint him their representative. The *Observer* also says: Considering the importance of an early settlement of the Eastern Question, another adjournment is impossible.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—JULES FAVRE has addressed to the Powers concerned a circular, dated Paris, Jan. 12, replying to Earl GRANVILLE'S invitation to the French Government to send a representative to the Conference on the Eastern Question. He points out that any settlement of the questions to be considered by the Conference, with France unrepresented, would be void, and adds that he has been instructed by Minister GAMBETTA to proceed in person to London to attend the Conference, but is unable to do so because the Prussians fire on flags of truce sent out from Paris. It is true that Mr. WASHBURNE, the American Minister, is now authorized to promise him a pass and safe conduct through the German lines. If it is received, and the condition of Paris permits, he will proceed to London; but while the bombardment continues his departure is impossible. In the meanwhile the defense of the city goes on with undiminished vigor.

MEHEMED PUCHDI PACHA, the Turkish Minister of Finance, having been informed that JULES FAVRE has declined to attend the London Conference, reserves the right to sign the protocol.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 15.—The Turkish Government professes to have grounds for the belief that the confidential negotiations of Prince CHARLES of Roumania, with the Powers looking to the abolition of his Suzerainty to the Porte have proved unsuccessful.

It is known that the Sultan and Khédive are now on friendly terms.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

Army Reforms in England—Liability to Military Service—King William, of Prussia, and Prince Henry, of Luxembourg—Sentence of a Prince for Murder—Sheridan in Florence.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—An assimilation of the administrations of the army and navy is proposed. The plan is to commit the management of the former to a board similar to that of the Admiralty. Mr. CARDWELL will probably defend the War Department on the first night of the coming session of Parliament. Gen. MANSFIELD, whom the Government consults respecting the reorganization of the army, in a speech on Saturday at the distribution of the volunteer prizes, declared the necessity of a universal liability to military service in England, with no paid substitutes.

It is said that an officer of high rank has arrived in Luxembourg with a letter from the King of Prussia to Prince HENRY.

PESTH, Jan. 14—Prince ALEXANDER KARAGEORGEWICH has been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for complicity in the assassination of Prince MICHAEL OBRENOVITCH, in 1868.

FLORENCE, Jan. 15.—King VICTOR EMMANUEL has given a banquet in honor of Gen. SHERIDAN.

Tempestuous Weather—The "City of Brooklyn" at Queenstown—Florida Bonds in London—Sporting Intelligence.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The weather is tempestuous, and much damage has been occasioned to shipping. The gale was terrific off the Lands End on Sunday night.

The disabled steam-ship *City of Brooklyn*, from New-York, arrived at Roches Point, below Queenstown, on Sunday afternoon, under sail.

The *Times'* city article of today is severe on the propositions made by Florida to compromise her State debt.

A great match at billiards took place on Saturday evening in St. James' Hall, between BENNETT, the present champion, and COOK, Jr., the former champion. The latter starting with a lead of 350 against the 218 of his opponent, made one break of 752, including 219 spot strokes, and won the match, which was 1,000 points, even, by 782 points. The time occupied by the game was one hour and forty-five minutes.

The great sculling match over the Tyne championship course, for £200 a side, between J. RENFORTH and H. KELLEY, representing the Tyne, and J. TAYLOR and T. WINSHIP, came off today. The betting was 7 to 4 on RENFORTH and KELLEY, who led throughout the race and won easily by several lengths.

Renomination of Senator Wilson by the Massachusetts Republican Legislative Caucus—The Labor Reformers and Mr. Phillips.

BOSTON, Jan. 16.—Hon. HENRY WILSON was nominated for re-election to the United States Senate in the Republican Legislative Caucus this afternoon, receiving 108 votes to 22 for DAVIS and 11 for BOUTWELL. The Labor Reformers and Republicans opposed to Mr. WILSON also met in caucus, negatived a motion to nominate Mr. WENDELL PHILLIPS 6 to 3, and adjourned till to-morrow.

The Weather on Mount Washington.

MOUNT WASHINGTON, N. H., Jan. 16.—Observations taken at 12½ P. M.: Barometer, 23.60; thermometer, 34; relative humidity, 100; wind, south-west; velocity, 35 miles. Sergt. SMITH was down the mountain this morning as far as Gulf Tank. The rain came down in torrents, sweeping in sheets along the side of the mountain, and has taken the snow and ice almost entirely off the railway. A light rain prevails on the summit.

WASHINGTON.

Ocean Telegraphs—Rapid Legislation—The Case of Mr. Hastings and Mr. Brooks—Georgia Congressmen—Removal of Disabilities—Jurisdiction Over Soldiers' Homes—Revenue Laws—The McGarrahan Case—Testimony of the Ex-Commissioner and Clerks.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—A sharp struggle, ending in an extraordinary result, took place in the House today on a motion of Gen. BANKS to recall from the Senate and rescind the vote by which the resolution providing for a joint special committee to consider all ocean cable enterprises was passed week before last. Much feeling was exhibited, and Gen. BANKS passionately denounced the passage of the resolution as a gross infringement of the rights of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and alleged that it was passed by the House when that body did not know it, and without understanding its purport; but the House evinced a very commendable knowledge of the fact that such a resolution did pass, and refused to suspend the rules. Gen. BANKS stated during the discussion, in reply to assertions that the Foreign Affairs Committee had refused to report any Cable bills, that they would report at any time the House would give permission. When the House had refused to suspend the rules, he moved that permission be given to the Committee to report, which was unanimously agreed to. Mr. WOOD, from the Committee, then reported a general Cable bill. Mr. BANKS said he did not ask for its consideration then, but shouts came up from all over the House, "Let's pass it—Let's pass it," and the House took it up. The bill was read in a hurry by the Clerk, the previous question was ordered with a rush, and the bill was passed by an uproarious yea vote, with not a voice in the negative. "Now they've got it," shouted several members, but who had it and what they had nobody seemed to know. Neither did anybody know what kind of a bill had been passed in that blind manner. It was supposed that the passage of the bill was going to circumvent the schemes of the interests which have been seeking the appointment of a special joint committee on ocean cables, but those interests assert that it is their action which has forced this bill out of the Committee, and that the reason why they have striven to get a special committee is that the present regular committees are controlled by the existing ocean cable monopolies. The bill as passed is given in the report of the proceedings. It is an open question whether, as it now stands, it does not invalidate the franchises of the Cuba Cable Company.

MR. HASTINGS AND MR. BROOKS.

Mr. HUGH J. HASTINGS made his appearance in the House today, in response to the Brooks investigation, by the presentation, through Mr. LAFLIN, of New-York, of a well-tempered memorial, reciting the history of his differences with Mr. BROOKS, denying that he ever signed any such affidavit as was read the other day, and alleging that the matter was purely a personal and political one, and that Congress had no jurisdiction over the suniect. He, therefore, prayed that the investigation be dismissed, and that Mr. BROOKS be left to investigate the matter in the Courts, where he had invited that gentleman to meet him. Mr. BROOKS made a very bitter speech in reply to this petition, and Mr. LAFLIN replied, closing with a motion to refer the memorial to the Special Committee, with instructions to make a preliminary report on the question of jurisdiction. The memorial was referred, but the House refused to instruct the Committee as asked, and the investigation will therefore begin to-morrow. Mr. HASTINGS will probably make the same point on jurisdiction before the Committee that was made in the House today.

GEORGIA IN CONGRESS ONCE MORE.

Georgia once more made her appearance on the floors of Congress today, in the persons of four of the Representatives elected at the late election in that State, who were duly sworn in, viz.: Gen. P. M. B. YOUNG and W. T. PRICE, Democrats, and MARION BETHUNE and JEFFERSON F. LONG, Republicans. The latter is a dark mulatto, with crisp hair, evidently having more of the African in him than any one of his race who has yet appeared in Congress.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

An effort to restore to the Speaker's table the bill for the relief of the Central Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad, which had gone to the Committee on Public Lands, was made today by Mr. FITCH, of Nevada, who adroitly got in a speech on a motion to suspend the rules, a motion not debatable. The effort failed by—yeas 115, nays 65, not two-thirds in its favor. It will succeed next time.

A COUNCIL OF PEACE.

Secretary DELANO entertained the members of the Indian Peace Commission and the Indian Committees of the House and Senate, and a number of members of the Press at his residence to-night.

RELIEF FROM DISABILITIES.

In the morning hour in the Senate, Mr. JOHNSTON called up a special Disability bill which has appeared before the Senate two or three times. The amendment of Mr. TRUMBULL, offered the other day, to substitute a general provision for the removal of disabilities, came up with the bill itself. Mr. TRUMBULL was appealed to to withdraw the amendment, so that the persons named in the bill might qualify for offices to which they had been elected. He offered to do so if it could be understood that no more special bills of the kind should be considered, till a general law had been passed upon, but objection being made to such an arrangement, it he remained firm. The Senate must, therefore, decide one way or the other in regard to the general removal of disabilities, or leave the subject entirely alone.

SOLDIERS' HOME IN OHIO.

After the morning hour the bill to cede back to Ohio the site of the Soldiers' Home, in Gen. SCHENCK'S District, was debated till after 4 o'clock, when the Senate went into Executive Session. The bill roots with much opposition on both sides of the Senate some objecting to the object in view, the enabling of the soldiers there to vote in local elections, and others to the form in which it was proposed to be accomplished. The passage of the bill will not affect the contest between Judge CAMPBELL and the friends of Gen. SCHENCK.

REVENUE LAWS.

The Finance Committee of the Senate had a special meeting today, for the purpose of a conference with Gen. PLEASONTON, Commissioner of Internal Revenue. There was a general discussion of the Revenue laws and their practical operation, with the special object of discovering in what respects new legislation was necessary or desirable. The law noticed lately in these dispatches, whose working is so different from its intention, passed last session for the reduction of the income tax, received some notice. The discussion in the Senate of the subject of taxation is evidently not to be prevented, because the Finance Committee constantly reports adversely on all bills proposing a repeal or reduction. Several Senators are determined to make a persistent effort to take from the calendar one of the many bills reported adversely, and they hope, when the subject is once before the Senate, to effect a repeal of the income tax.

THE PANOCHE RANCH.

The House Judiciary Committee this morning examined JOSEPH S. WILSON, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and WM. H. LOWERY, formerly a clerk in that office, but for several years one of the counsel of the New-Idria Company, and Messrs. STOKES, STOECK and BUELL, clerks in the Land Office, in reference to the record of the patent to the Panoche Grande Ranch. The clerk who made the record swore in substance that the record which he made was not altogether from the patent, but in part from a printed form, and that, as he recollected, the record was made before the signature of the President, the seal and dates were affixed. The witnesses all agreed, however, that the word "Exd," in the margin in red ink, meant that the record had been examined and compared with the original and found to be correct. Mr. LOWERY, counsel of the New-Idria Company, swore that he wrote in pencil against the President's name "not signed," but when he did not know. He thought it was soon after OTTO'S order to suspend the patent. Mr. JOSEPH S. WILSON testified that the record was brought to him in its mutilated form, and he signed it under the written order of Secretary COX. Wherefore this was done, seven years after the record, he could not tell. The Commissioner was sure he did not advise this mutilation. He swore that he could not tell whether the patent had been signed, sealed and dated as shown in the record.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations were sent to the Senate today:

Postmasters.—S. H. Fairchild, Danville, Ill.; J. G. Lamb, Alton, Ill.; A. F. Miller, Galena, Ill.; N. H. Pratt, Kewanee, Ill.; J. H. Bardwell, East Hampton, Mass.

Miscellaneous.—William Robotham, Assistant Engineer in the Navy; George A. Black, Secretary of Utah Territory; George S. Smith, Collector of Internal Revenue Fifth District of Virginia.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate this afternoon confirmed the following nominations:

Robert W. Fitzhugh, Collector of Customs, Natchez, Miss.; George Newcomb, Collector of Customs, District of Beaufort, S. C.; Simon Dodge, Collector of Customs, Marblehead, and Henry Stover, Collector of Customs, Newburyport, Mass.; R. Daniels, Collector of Customs in the District of Apalachicola Fla.; A. N. Young, of Kentucky, Consul at Santiago de Cuba; Alvey A. Ader, of New-York, Secretary of Legation at Madrid, in place of John Hay, resigned; James R. Hardenburgh, of California, to be Surveyor-General of California, vice Sherman, removed; Ellis G. Evans, to be Register of the Land Office at Booneville, Mo.; Nathaniel Pope to be Superintendent of Indian Affairs in New-Mexico; John S. Follansbee to be Register, and Charles McDonald to be Surveyor of the Land Office at Shasta, Cal.; Andrew Washburne, of Virginia, to be Pension Agent at Richmond, Va.

Postmasters—Edward Ward, Gloversville, N. Y.; Mortimer R. Wilcox, Fairport, N. Y.; Henry B. Wells, Newaygac, Mich.; S. S. Wicks, Glenwood, Iowa; John S. Putnam, Attica, N. Y.; Thos. P. Wyvall, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.; Geo. A. Buckingham, River Head, N. Y.; E. M. Smith, Rochester, N. Y.; Henry Foulds, Lanark, Ill.; Eugene A. Hinds, Richfield Springs, N. Y.; Levi M. Gave, Watkins, N. Y.; Horatio S. Parks, Whitehall, N. Y.; Mrs. Mary Jordan, West Point, N. Y.; Augustus P. Goodale, Port Jervis, N. Y.; Isaac Sherwood, Haverstraw, N. Y.

Naval—Rear-Admiral Stephen C. Rowan, to be Vice-Admiral; Commodore Thornton A. Jenkins, Rear-Admiral; Capt. James R. M. Mullany, Commodore; Capt. C. R. P. Rodgers, Commodore. The following-named Commanders to be Captains: Edward Simpson, Wm. G. Temple, Samuel P. Carter; and the following-named Lieutenant-Commanders to be Commanders: Augustus P. Cook, Leroy Fitch, and Rush R. Wallace.

OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO DUTY.

Mr. CLIFFORD THOMSON and Mr. W. O. AVERY are specially assigned to duty. The former as Chief in charge of supervisors and detectives, and the latter as Chief in charge of appointments, records, commissions, and leaves of absence.

REORGANIZATION OF THE REVENUE OFFICE.

A circular was issued this afternoon reorganizing the Internal Revenue Office, and establishing rules and regulations for the Bureau. The Bureau is to consist of four principal divisions, viz.:

First—Division of Law, in charge of the Solicitor of the Internal Revenue, assisted by Mr. WM. H. ARMSTRONG.

Second—Division of Correspondence, Statistics, and matters not otherwise provided for, in charge of the First Deputy.

Third—Division of Accounts in charge of the Second Deputy.

Fourth—Division of Distilled Spirits, Merchandise in Bond, &c., in charge of the Third Deputy.

These are again subdivided into various sections in charge of officials named in the circular.

THE PRESS AND THE REVENUE BUREAU.

The following is prescribed in the new revenue regulations concerning the furnishing of information to the representatives of the Press:

"All information designed for publication will first be submitted to the Commissioner, when, if approved by him, the same will be announced by posting on a bulletin to be kept for the purpose. The giving of information to reporters of the Press or to others, in violation of the above rules, will be reported to the Commissioner for his action."

ALBANY.

Mr. Twombly's Case Before the Committee on Privileges and Elections—Tom Fields' Trick to Exclude Evidence—The Returns from the Disputed District.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 16.—A bare quorum was present in each House this evening, and the business transacted was unimportant. The Committee on Privileges and Elections held their first session this evening, and took up the contested case of TWOMBLY *vs.* CAREY, from the Seventh District of New-York. Alderman EUGENE DURNIN, assisted by TOM. FIELDS, acted as counsel for CAREY, and Mr. TWOMBLY appeared in his own behalf. FIELDS took the ground that the Committee could not go behind the returns of the Board of Supervisors, which showed they threw out the vote of the Sixteenth District of the Ninth Ward, but did not show how the vote of that district stood. Consequently if the Assembly were to reverse the action of the Supervisors in throwing out of the vote of that district, there would be no proof that TWOMBLY was elected. In other words, FIELDS' position, if sustained, would exclude the only evidence on which TWOMBLY could prove his title to the seat, and would render any contest useless. Mr. TWOMBLY objected to this summary disposal of his case by a pettifogging trick, and asked for subpœnas to produce before the Committee the returns of the district that was thrown out by the Supervisors. Another meeting of the Committee is to be held to-morrow morning, when the Committee will probably decide whether to grant the subpœna or not. The Committee say they are going to dispose of the case without delay, and they will certainly take a short way of doing it if they adopt the trick suggested by FIELDS.

Report of the New Capitol Commission.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 16.—The New Capitol Commissioners, in their annual report, submitted to the Senate, say the amount expended during the year and up to Jan. 1, 1871, was $923,671 84. Total expenditures prior to 1870, as per the annual report of the Commissioners of 1869, were $689,063 14. Total expenditures from the commencement of the work to Jan. 1, 1871, $1,612,734 98. As to the probable cost of the building, they refer to the estimates already made, and state that no changes in the plan can be advantageously made now, and close by recommending a further appropriation of $1,000,000 for an energetic advance of the work.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE

SENATE....ALBANY, Monday, Jan. 16.

The Senate met at 7 o'clock. The annual report of the New Capitol Commissioners for 1870 was received, together with a communication from the same, stating that the information called for by the Senate is contained in their annual report.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. TWEED—Relative to the redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes; also, to amend the act providing for the sales of lands for unpaid taxes.

By Mr. CAULDWELL—Amending the Morrisania School act.

By Mr. CHAPMAN—Relative to a stenographic reporter for the Courts of the Sixth Judicial District.

By Mr. KENNEDY—To authorize a railroad from Clinton-square to Walf-street, Syracuse.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The bills to regulate the term of office of Notaries Public, relating to those appointed during a recess of the Legislature, was passed. The Senate went into Committee. Several bills of minor importance were ordered to a third reading, when the Senate adjourned.

ASSEMBLY.

The Senate resolution directing the Controller to pay for stone-cutting on the new Capitol building, a sum not to exceed $44,800, was received, and on the motion of Mr. CAMPBELL was unanimously adopted.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

The following bills were introduced:

By Mr. PLANKAGAN—To amend the act regulating the costs in cases.

By Mr. O'NEILL—To repeal the act for an experimental railway in New-York and Westchester Counties.

By Mr. FLACK—Relative to the Marine Court of New-York.

The Assembly then adjourned.

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAM-SHIP CITY OF MERIDA.

The steam-ship *City of Merida*, from Sisal and Vera Cruz, via Havana on Jan. 12, reached this port yesterday evening. By the courtesy of Purser BENSEL, the interesting letter printed below was promptly delivered at this office.

The Capture of Mrs. Cespedes—An Interview With the Wife of the Republican President—Position of Revolutionary Matters—A Tragedy Through Love.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Monday, Jan. 12, 1871.

The most exciting event of the week has been the capture of Mrs. ANITA CESPEDES, wife of the Cuban President, and that of her escort, Mr. JUAN CLEMENTE ZENEA, who intended returning with her to the United States, running the blockade from one of the keys near Guanaja. In order to give a full account of the affair, I can do no better than to send the result of an interview between Mrs. CESPEDES and a friend of your correspondent, who was the only gentleman, except some members of her family, who was permitted to see her. Mrs. CESPEDES arrived here on Sunday night on the Spanish man-of-war *Churuica*, and on Monday my friend called to see her at the Beneficencia, (orphan asylum,) where she had been placed by especial order of VALMEMADA, instead of in the Paula prison. My friend found Mrs. CESPEDES in a pleasant room beside that of the Mother Superior. After stating that he should like some information, which would be published in New-York, Mrs. CESPEDES gave him the following account of her departure from within the Cuban lines and her capture:

"We left the interior," she said, "several days previous to our capture, and were waiting, accompanied by two sailors, who had come with Mr. ZENEA, for a sloop to take us off. The calm weather prevailing prevented the sloop from reaching us at the appointed time, and we were discovered by the Spanish troops and captured. I was not only well treated, but taken care of by the Spanish officers in the kindest manner possible. No matter what my political sentiments may be, in honor of the truth I shall always be thankful, and shall laud the generous and gentlemanly behavior of the Spanish officers. The only test which the troops had was that of Brig.-Gen. CHINCHILLA. A rain-storm came up, and the General marched to and fro in front of the tent which he had ceded to me. They gave me the best they had to eat and were delicate enough to remove me to a safe distance when they executed a number of prisoners taken by Col. BERGEL, so that I should not notice it. On our arrival at Nuevitas, I was placed in the house of a private family, where I was well treated and furnished with some clothing, of which I stood sadly in need, all mine having been lost when my mother was captured some months ago. The Spanish officers asked me whether I had not intended to surrender to them, when I was captured, so as to put the fact in their report? I answered them no, and that I had only intended to leave the island because I was ill, having suffered a great deal since my confinement. My baby died, and I have not been strong since, and am suffering still. The officers also asked me whether my husband had not been with me at the time of my capture? I knew why they asked, and as I always tell the truth, I told them that I had left him several days previous. The following questions were then answered by Mrs. CESPEDES:

CORRESPONDENT—Is it true that there is so much discontent among the Cubans and that they suffer so terribly?

Mrs. CESPEDES—Yes and no; they suffer as a matter of course, and bickerings between some of the officers also take place, but matters on the whole are well organized; there is meat enough in the Camaguey to feed the Spaniards and Cubans for several years, and the Cubans have planted sweet potatoes and bananas everywhere throughout the mountains. Salt is abundant, and everybody is provided with it; the Spaniards occasionally destroy the salt works, but these are again put into operation the moment the troops leave.

CORRESPONDENT—Do the Cubans commit the barbarities on Spanish prisoners they are charged with by the Spaniards?

Mrs. CESPEDES—No, Sir; on the contrary, the prisoners are well treated, and only ill treated as a matter of retaliation. My husband's son, a young man of twenty-two, was executed simply because he was the son of CESPEDES. Young OSCAR held no rank in the army, and was only a private soldier.

CORRESPONDENT—Are the Cubans as determined now as they were?

Mrs. CESPEDES—Yes, Sir, they are. Many of them will not give up under any circumstances. When I bade adieu to my husband, he told me: "If we triumph, we shall meet again on earth; if we fail, we shall meet in heaven."

CORRESPONDENT—Who are the most prominent military men in the Camaguey now?

Mrs. CESPEDES—MANUEL BOZA is Commander-in-Chief; IGNACIO AGRAMONTE commands a body of guerrillas, and BEMBETA heads some very fine troops.

CORRESPONDENT—Does the paper money of the Republic circulate freely now?

Mrs. CESPEDES—No, sir, not now; gold does, and if a person has plenty of it he can obtain almost everything, but the prices are fabulous. An ordinary dress-pattern worth about $5 costs $17, and so on in proportion.

The correspondent seeing that Mrs. CESPEDES was fatigued, refrained from asking any more questions, and leaves the task to his New-York *confrères*, to whom the lady can speak freely and with more leisure. The Captain-General gave her permission to leave for the United States and join her family, and she will leave this afternoon for New-York on the *City of Merida*.

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. J. STARKE, who has so creditably filled the position as *Herald* correspondent, leaves here today. Mr. STARKE was universally esteemed here for his qualities as a gentleman.

QUASIMODO.

Meteorological Record.

The following is the Signal Service report of the state of the weather and wind last night, Monday, Jan. 16, at 11:47 o'clock:

Place of Observation.	Height of Barometer.	Thermometer, Degrees.	Direction of the Wind.	Force of the Wind.	State of the Weather
Augusta, Ga....	30.17	37	N. E.	Gentle.	Clear.
Baltimore.....	30 22	38	N. W.	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Boston.....	29.74	36	N. W.	Brisk.	Cloudy.
Buffalo.....	30.21	21	N. W.	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Charleston....	30.19	44	N. W.	Brisk.	Fair.
Cheyenne, W. T	29.83	16	S.	Very gentle	Fair.
Cincinnati.....	30.44	31	..	Calm.	Clear.
Cleveland.....	30.28	34	S. W.	Very gentle	Cloudy.
Detroit.....	30.31	13	S. W.	Gentle.	Clear.
Key West.....	30.16	62	N. W.	Brisk.	Fair.
Lake City.....	30.20	37	N.	Very gentle	Clear.
New-Orleans....	30.31	43	N. E.	Gentle.	Fair.
New-York.....	29.98	32	W.	Brisk.	Clear.
Omaha, Neb....	30.54	6	N.	Brisk.	Clear.
Oswego.....	30.12	29	N W.	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Philadelphia....	30.10	40	N. W.	Brisk.	Cloudy.
Rochester, N. Y.	30.25	18	N. W.	Hign.	Snow.
Savannah.....	30.21	42	W.	Brisk.	Clear.
Toledo.....	30.40	21	..	Calm.	Clear.
Washington....	30.19	33	N. W.	Brisk.	Cloudy.
Wilmington, N C	30.20	39	N. W.	Very gentle	Clear.
New-London, Ct	29.88	26	N. W.	Brisk.	Clear.
Norfolk.....	30.14	30	N. W.	Brisk.	Clear.

Barometer corrected for elevation and temperature.

SAN DOMINGO.

Secretary Fish's Reply to the Inquiries of Senator Sumner.

A Complete and Comprehensive History of the Island.

All the Government Documents Relating to It Made Public.

Efforts of Former Administrations to Obtain Samana.

Part Played by the Agents of the Government.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The following is Secretary FISH'S letter accompanying the President's Message, transmitting the documents and correspondence relative to the San Domingo annexation question, called for by Senator SUMNER'S resolution:

To the President:

The

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Monday, Jan. 16.

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a communication from the Supervising Architect of the Capitol extension, asking that a place be assigned for the statue of the late President LINCOLN, executed by Miss VINNIE REAM. Referred to the Committee on Public Buildings.

Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill to regulate the taking of testimony in Courts of the United States, and prescribing fees to be charged for the issue and necessary papers therein. Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. RAMSEY, of Minnesota, from the Committee on Post-offices, reported with sundry amendments, the House bill revising, consolidating and amending the statutes relating to the Post-office Department.

On motion of Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, the Committee on the District of Columbia was instructed to inquire and report upon a remedy for existing grievances caused by a deficient supply of Potomac River water in the City of Washington.

Mr. YATES, of Illinois, upon his own request, was excused from further service on the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

SUBSIDIES FOR SHIP-BUILDING.

Mr. CONKLING introduced a bill to aid in the construction of twenty or more first-class iron steam-ships, together with ship-yards, machine shops, rolling-mills, wharves, docks, &c., and to secure to the Government the use of the same for postal, naval and other purposes. It was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The bill proposes to incorporate W. H. Webb, Clarence H. Clark, John A. Griswold, John Rosch, Paul W. Spofford, Henry Steers and others, under the name of the American Mail and Ocean Transportation Company, for the purpose above indicated, and promises that the Government of the United States shall pay the interest on the first mortgage bonds of the Company to the amount of $20,000,000 in gold for thirty years, not becoming responsible, however, for the payment of the principal. In return, the Company's steam-ships are to carry the United States mails and Government agents free of charge.

PENSIONS.

Mr. HOWELL, from the Committee on Pensions, reported without amendment the House bill granting pensions to certain soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812, and the widows of deceased soldiers and sailors. It provides for placing on the pension roll all surviving officers and enlisted or drafted men, including militia or volunteers of the military or naval service of the United States, who served sixty days and were honorably discharged; and also the widows of such soldiers and sailors.

Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, from the Committee on Pensions, reported adversely upon a pension claim, because the disabilities of the claimant had not been contracted in the line of a soldier's duty. Also, favorably, the House bill increasing the pensions of disabled soldiers, and of widows and children of deceased soldiers and sailors.

The House bill increasing the pensions of disabled soldiers and sailors and of the widows and children of deceased soldiers and sailors, as reported, with amendments from the Senate Committee on Pensions by Mr. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, reads as follows:

Be it enacted, &c., That the invalid pensions of all officers, soldiers and seamen of the land and naval forces, and of the widows, children and dependent relatives of any of the same, granted, or hereafter to be granted, under the provisions of the general law; also, the same pension granted by special law not an increase of the rate provided by the general law for similar cases, be and the same are hereby increased by the sum of twenty per centum thereof, to commence on the 1st day of March, 1871, provided that said increase shall cease and terminate at the expiration of five years from said last-mentioned date.

SURVEY OF LAND CLAIMS.

On motion of Mr. WILLIAMS, of Oregon, the Senate considered and passed the Senate bill to expedite the survey of private land claims.

Mr. WILLIAMS, in response to inquiries by Mr. HARLAN, of Iowa, explained that the bill was the result of considerable legal research, and it would expedite the settlement of boundaries of old Mexican land tracts. Upon the importance of the measure to sections of the United States in which land claims existed, he said owners of thousands of acres of land in California and in the Territories were unable to obtain patents because there was no way of determining the boundaries of their tracts. The bill would to a great extent take these questions from the jurisdiction of the Land Department and give them to the Courts of the country where the titles have been confirmed, the parties thereby being enabled to bring their witnesses and have the questions adjudicated more satisfactorily.

REMOVAL OF DISABILITIES.

On motion of Mr. LEWIS, the Senate resumed consideration of the House bill to remove political disabilities of some fifty citizens of Virginia.

The Vice-President stated the question to be upon Mr. TRUMBULL's amendment to extend the general relief from all such disabilities excepting only former Congressmen and military and naval officers of the United States who joined the rebellion, and members of the secession State Conventions.

Mr. HARLAN, of Iowa, moved to include among the exceptions Judges of the United States Courts who joined the rebellion.

Messrs. LEWIS, of Virginia, and WARNER, of Alabama, appealed to Mr. TRUMBULL to withdraw his amendment, which the latter declined to do, remarking that he thought the time had come for Congress to act on the general subject.

Mr. ABBOTT, of North Carolina, hoped that the Senator (Mr. TRUMBULL) would not precipitate this question of general amnesty on the Senate at this time. There was nothing in the attitude of the South to justify the Government in taking such a long step. He was opposed to the amnesty movement for public reasons, mainly because a large portion of the people of the Southern States were now as bitterly hostile to the Government as ever.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, stated, in support of his amendment, that, leaving out the authors of the secession ordinances, he did not suppose the whole number of persons included in the exceptions would amount to more than 200 or 300.

Mr. STEWART, of Nevada, spoke of the partial and unsatisfactory character of the legislation intended to meet individual cases, and the necessity of legislating by classes.

The morning hour expiring, Mr. LEWIS reiterated his appeal to Mr. TRUMBULL for a withdrawal of the amendment, as its adoption would operate as a virtual defeat by compelling them to return the bill to the House. It was a measure of great importance to the people of his State.

Mr. TRUMBULL replied by inquiring whether if the amendment prevailed it would not embrace every person named in the bill. It was certainly unpleasant for him to refuse the personal appeals of the Senators, but he persisted in his refusal as the most effective means of ending the practice of piecemeal legislation in removing disabilities. A general bill never could be had while special bills were allowed to go through. Referring to a suggestion by Mr. STEWART, Mr. TRUMBULL intimated his willingness to withdraw his proposition, if the Senate would agree not to pass any more special bills on the subject until definite action was taken upon a general bill.

Several Senators objected.

THE OHIO SOLDIERS' ASYLUMS.

Mr. SHERMAN, of Ohio, then demanded the regular order, which was the bill ceding certain jurisdiction to the State of Ohio. This bill was then taken up, and debated by Messrs. SHERMAN and THURMAN, the Senators from Ohio, for several hours.

The bill gives the State of Ohio jurisdiction and title over the property purchased by the United States for national asylums for disabled soldiers.

Mr. SHERMAN explained that the bill was made necessary by the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Ohio, under which some three or four hundred soldiers in the asylum near Dayton, under the laws of the State, and otherwise eligible to vote, were disfranchised as non-residents, because within the one mile square ceded by Ohio to the General Government, preparatory to establishing the institution. He went on to show that the acceptance of this land by the General Government was upon a condition that no resident upon it, otherwise eligible, should by that change of jurisdiction, be deprived of his right to vote. He commented upon the judicial decision referred to as a shock to the feelings of every citizen of the State, and said there was a strong public sentiment in Ohio that the right to vote should be restored to these soldiers.

Mr. A. G. THURMAN, of Ohio, proceeded to show the justice and propriety of the decision which has been made by five Republican Judges against the wishes of their party in the State. He reviewed the acts establishing the asylum, and argued upon the principle laid down by KENT, STORY, and other legal authorities, that being subject to the rules and articles of war, liable to trial by Court-martial, a citizen of Ohio who became an inmate of the asylum became divested of the burdens of citizenship, and as a consequence lost his right to vote while such an inmate. Could Congress, under the circumstances, give him the right to vote?

Mr. SHERMAN remarked he would prefer the disbandment of the Asylums to disfranchisement of the country's defenders.

Mr. A. J. THURMAN contended the bill was unconstitutional in ceding to the State of Ohio the jurisdiction over this asylum, and the act of the Ohio Legislature in extending the franchise to the Ohioans who were inmates thereof, was an excess of its legitimate authority.

A report of the Board of Managers, signed by Gen. BUTLER, as Chairman, was read at the request of Mr. THURMAN, showing how some of the inmates procurrd their discharge as the time approached for the payment of their pensions, and that after drawing their pensions they run into excesses, become debauched and diseased, and finally street vagrants. Some of them plied the hand-organ in the temporary employ of foreigners, the latter appropriating the lion's share of the proceeds received by these soldiers as charity. Notwithstanding the migratory habits of these men, as shown by report, it was now attempted to treat them as permanent residents of the State, and to permit the whole of them to vote, whether 1,600 or 16,000, because the managers could bring as many soldiers as they pleased to the asylum. In this way a general State election might be decided by these votes.

Mr. SHERMAN argued that the Supreme Court of Ohio had erred in assuming, as a matter of fact, that exclusive jurisdiction over the land covered by the Asylum grounds was ceded to the United States. He held that the land was the property, not of the United States, but of the soldiers, being held in trust for them by the Board of Managers.

Mr. THURMAN again spoke at length on the subject in support of his position.

Mr. BAYARD, Mr. WILLIAMS and Mr. CARPENTER spoke on the measure, and, without disposing of the bill, the Senate, at 4 o'clock, after an Executive Session, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

PETITION OF TOBACCONISTS.

Mr. COX presented a petition of JOSEPH RAPHAEL and others, of New-York City, to relieve the tobacco interest from the repetitions of the tax on sales, &c.

THE HASTINGS-BROOKS CASE.

Mr. LAFLIN, of New-York, sent up to the Clerk's desk, and had read a memorial from HUGH J. HASTINGS denying that he ever made, signed or verified in any manner or form the alleged affidavit which Mr. BROOKS, of New-York, had presented and read to the House last Tuesday, and that he never knew that the same had been purported to be so made, signed and verified, until he saw the same published in a public journal as an affidavit. That the fact of its origin and of its fictitious character were well known to Mr. BROOKS; that the controversy between himself and Mr. BROOKS was a purely political, editorial and personal one, and, as such, not properly the subject of investigation, discussion or adjudication by the House of Representatives, but properly belonged to a judicial forum, and asking the House so to hold and determine. He moved the reference of the memorial to the select Committee appointed on the subject, with instructions to make a preliminary report on the propriety of further continuing the investigation.

Mr. BROOKS, of New-York, in reference to political allusions in the memorial, declared that the Democratic Party had no greater, wilier advocate than Mr. HASTINGS. He had been employed for years in Albany and New-York to deprave, damage and destroy his own party—the Republican Party. Almost every New-York Republican member knew Mr. HASTINGS to be a spy for the betrayal of the secrets of the Republican Party to the Democratic Party, and that he was paid for being such spy. In proof of that he had before him the *Commercial Advertiser* of the 12th of January, containing six columns of an advertisement of the New-York City Corporation. That paper received these advertisements, from the profits of which it received $25,000 or $30,000 a year. This was his (Mr. BROOKS') response to the sympathetic appeal of Mr. HASTINGS to the Republican side of the House. The affidavit which he had introduced to the House was an old acquaintance in New-York. When he was a member of the New-York Legislature, and previously when he was a correspondent at Albany, the existence of that paper was as well known as the existence of the sun in the skies, and never was denied. It had been reprinted from time to time in the *Independent* of New-York uncontradicted; it has been preserved in handbills when Mr. FENTON was elected to the Senate, and was not then denied. But, now that Mr. STONE, the person libeled, was dead, and that his counsel, Mr. FISHER, was also dead, there was a denial of the affidavit. But that denial itself was only a technical denial. Mr. HASTINGS did not deny and could not deny that he had published the document, in his own newspaper, and that his publication alone obtained exemption from the damages to which otherwise he would have been subjected. He (Mr. BROOKS) appealed to the House to proceed with the investigation, and to vindicate his character.

Mr. LAFLIN said that while he appreciated the value of private character, he could not forget the extraordinary circumstances under which the subject had been introduced in the House. Last Tuesday, the gentleman from New-York (Mr. BROOKS) had, on a question of privilege, and without notice introduced to the House an affidavit which the gentleman knew had been publicly denied by the signer to it. That gentleman's desire to tarnish the reputation of the memorialist was so marked, that he stood here today an organ of the Democratic Party, publicly confessing that that party had been in the habit of bribing Republicans, and in proof of it referring to a corporation advertisement in the *Commercial Advertiser*. If he (Mr. LAFLIN) were correctly informed, that same advertisement appears in the New-York *Tribune* and *Evening Post*, and would any one pretend that HORACE GREELEY and WILLIAM C. BRYANT were by that pitiful advertisement bribed to betray the Republican Party? If not, why make such a charge against Mr. HASTINGS? He (Mr. LAFLIN) had had some acquaintance with New-York politics for the last twenty years, and knew Mr. HASTINGS' political record during that time; and this was the first time he had heard that Mr. HASTINGS was anything but a Whig and Republican. In 1854 Mr. HASTINGS was elected Clerk of the Whig Senate of New-York, against the opposition of Mr. ERASTUS BROOKS, who then brought up the same affidavit, but Mr. BROOKS was subsequently satisfied that he had done an injustice to Mr. HASTINGS, and made ample apologies therefor.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, of Illinois, moved to lay the motion on the table.

Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts—What objection is there to having a preliminary report made on the subject?

Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, called for a division of the question.

The vote was taken as to whether instructions should be given to the Committee to make a preliminary report, and it was decided in the negative.

The memorial was then referred without instructions to the Select Committee.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Of the bills introduced and referred, the following are those of importance:

By Mr. PETERS, of Maine—Regulating removal of action from State to United States Courts.

By Mr. POLAND, of Vermont—To provide for taking testimony to be used in the Department.

By Mr. BUFFINTON, of Massachusetts—To enable the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad Company to mortgage its road; and to confer certain jurisdiction on the United States Courts of the District of Missouri.

By Mr. STARKWEATHER, of Connecticut—Authorizing the appointment of Commissioners by the President to ascertain the damage done by the *Alabama* and other rebel cruisers.

By Mr. SHELDON, of Louisiana—To authorize the removal of causes from the State Courts to the United States Courts in certain cases.

By Mr. PROSSER, of Tennessee—Prescribing the mode of holding elections for President, Vice-Presidents and members of Congress.

By Mr. JULIAN, of Indiana—To extend the provisions of the Homestead laws to the unsurveyed land.

By Mr. CULLOM, of Illinois—Amendatory of the act relating to the Courts of Utah Territory; also, disapproving certain acts of the Legislative Assembly of Montana.

By Mr. COOK, of Illinois—Prescribing the oath of office to be taken by persons who participated in the late rebellion, but who are not excluded from holding office by the Fourteenth Constitutional Amendment; also, to create a Railroad Bureau for the United States.

By Mr. HAWLEY, of Illinois—To repeal an act for the removal of causes in certain cases from State Courts; also, to provide for the withdrawal of the public lands from sale, and for the manner in which they may be disposed of under the Homestead and Pre-emption laws.

By Mr. HAY, of Illinois—To amend the first section of the act of the 20th of July, 1865, imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco.

By Mr. HAMILTON, of Florida—For the erection of public buildings at Key West and Jacksonville, Fla.

By Mr. SARGENT, of California—Making a compensation of $10,000 to JOSEPH S. WILSON, Commissioner of Land Office, for collecting the scientific museum at the Land Office.

By Mr. AXTELL, of Tennessee—Relinquishing the interest of the United States in the Presidio property in California, to the City and County of San Francisco for a public park.

MEMBERS FROM GEORGIA.

The credentials of W. P. PRICE, P. M. B. YOUNG, and MARION BETHUNE, representatives elect from the State of Georgia, were presented, and no objection being made, these gentlemen were sworn in. W. J. F. LONG, member elect from the Fourth District of Georgia, also appeared and took the oath of office.

CONTESTED ELECTION CASE.

Mr. MCCRARY, of Iowa, from the Committee on Elections, made a report in the contested election case from the Sixth District of North Carolina, in favor of SHOBER, the sitting member, is entitled to the seat, and that the contestant, NATHANIEL BOYDEN, should receive $1,000 for expenses.

NEW-YORK CUSTOM-HOUSE.

Mr. COX, of New-York, offered a resolution in relation to the New-York Custom-house. Referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The resolution is as follows:

Whereas, The Secretary of the Treasury, under date of July 11, 1870, communicated to this House information in response to a resolution of June 27, 1870, in regard to New-York Custom-house matters; and

Whereas, In said communication the Secretary communicated two letters, dated 1st and 9th ult., requesting the reformation of the general order business to the bonded warehouses at Jersey City and Hoboken; and

Whereas, This request has not been complied with, greatly to the injury of commerce, notwithstanding the appeal made to the Collector by PURLES, DOGGE & Co., and many other merchants (naming them); and

Whereas, The Secretary has repeated his request, and the old system continues in defiance of his reiterated requests; therefore

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to transmit all the correspondence since July 11, 1870, with his views as to the necessity of additional legislation to compel Collectors to comply with his orders.

THE NEW-YORK AND WASHINGTON RAILROAD.

The question of the Air Line Railroad bill between New-York and Washington, came up from last Monday, the question being whether the House would grant leave for its introduction. The question was decided in the affirmative—yeas 114, nays 28.

All the Democrats voted in the negative, together with the following named Republicans: Messrs. Benjamin, Buffinton, Butler of Massachusetts, Dawes, Hale, of Maine, Hill, Hooper, Kelley, of Pennsylvania, Ketchum of New-York, Laflin of New-York, Moore of Ohio, Myers, Negley, O'Neill, Packer of Pennsylvania, Poland, Smith of Vermont, Stevens of Ohio, Twitchell of Massachusetts, Van Wyck of New-York, and Washburn of Massachusetts.

Mr. ELDRIDGE moved to reconsider the last vote.

Mr. KELSEY, of New-York, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table. Agreed to—yeas 114, nays 78. So the bill was introduced, and the morning hour having expired, the bill went over till Monday next.

OCEAN TELEGRAPH LEGISLATION.

Mr. BANKS, of Massachusetts, moved to suspend the rules and pass a concurrent resolution, rescinding the resolution passed last Monday, which referred to a special committee the subject of ocean telegraph cable legislation. He represented that the resolution was passed hurriedly and without being understood by the House, which had already referred the subject to the Committee on Foreign Affairs. He went on to say that the subject involved appropriations to the amount of $20,000,000 or $25,000,000. One enterprise alone called for a subsidy of $10,000,000, and there were four or five others which would follow in the same wake. The subject had been considered for five months by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and that Committee was ready to report.

Mr. STARKWEATHER, of Connecticut, who offered the resolution last Monday, opposed its being rescinded, and advocated the propriety of having the subject referred to a joint select committee, as no less than thirteen bills on the subject had been referred in the Senate and the House to the various district committees. He alluded to the fact that the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs had stated in the Senate that the Committee would not report at this session, thus leaving the whole business of ocean telegraphing in the hands of a monopoly that charges triple rates.

The question was further discussed by Messrs. Butler of Massachusetts, Garfield of Ohio, and Dawes of Massachusetts, against the resolution offered by Mr. Banks, and by Messrs. Judd of Illinois, Wood of New-York, and Myers of Pennsylvania, in support of it.

Mr. WOOD said there was something suspicious in the mode and manner by which it was sought to accomplish indirectly and unfairly what could not be accomplished by the action of the Committee on Foreign Affairs. That Committee had reported a general bill, but was opposed to granting subsidies. That fact was at the bottom of these proceedings. He was informed that the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. BUTLER) was really the author of the resolution offered on Monday last by Mr. STARKWEATHER.

Mr. STARKWEATHER contradicted that statement, and said he had never consulted Mr. BUTLER about it.

Mr. BUTLER also contradicted the statement.

Mr. DAWES said that, as an original proposition, he was in favor of referring the subject in the nature of a joint special committee, and that he did not apprehend there was any need of subsidies being allowed.

Mr. COX, of New-York, argued in favor of leaving the subject with the Joint Special Committee. He would, therefore, vote against the rescinding of the resolution.

Mr. SWANN advocated the rescinding of the resolution and action by the House on the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. BANKS argued that the joint committees of the two Houses were inconsistent with the nature and character of general legislation, and if his colleague (Mr. DAWES) proposed that each House should act upon the subject separately and leave the reconciliation of differences to a Committee of Conference, he did that which would bring dishonor on the House.

Mr. DAWES—What is the matter with my colleague?

Mr. BANKS—I will tell my colleague what is the matter. I complain of the surprise practiced on the House, to which my colleague himself seems to have been a party, and I complain of the injustice done to my Committee, and I complain of the manner of legislation proposed by my colleague.

Mr. DAWES remarked that his colleague seemed intent on tearing a passion to tatters. His colleague had no right, in his indiscriminate hurling of charges all over the House, to charge him with being a party to any proposition or undertaking whatever beyond the discharge of his duty, according to the best of his judgment, without fear, favor or hope of reward. If his colleague thought to carry measures by hurling charges against all who dared to oppose it, he had a right to pursue that course, but on himself (DAWES) that course had quite the opposite effect.

Mr. JUDD argued that legislation on the subject could be had quicker by leaving it in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Affairs than by sending it to a joint special committee.

The motion of Mr. BANKS, to suspend the rules and rescind the resolution of last Monday, was rejected—yeas, 103, nays, 82, not two-thirds voting in the affirmative.

Mr. BANKS thereupon asked leave to report now from the Committee on Foreign Affairs a bill on the subject of ocean telegraphs.

Mr. ARNELL, of Tennessee, objected.

Mr. BANKS moved to suspend the rules in order that such a bill might be reported now. The rules were suspended without division.

Mr. BANKS said he would not ask the House to consider the bill now.

Mr. STARKWEATHER, of Connecticut—We want it considered now. If the gentleman has a bill, let him report it.

Mr. WOOD, of New-York, thereupon, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported the bill relating to telegraphic communication between the United States and foreign countries, and moved the previous question on its passage. The previous question was seconded, and the bill was passed without discussion or division. The following is the text:

That all communication established, or that may be established between the United States and any foreign country, by means of telegraphic or magnetic lines or cables in part or entirely between land and over the waters, reefs, island shore and lands within the jurisdiction of the United States, shall be subject to the following conditions, stipulations and reservations, to wit:

First—The Government of the United States shall be entitled to exercise and enjoy the same or similar privileges with regard to the control and use or any such line or cable that may, by law, agreement or otherwise, be exercised and enjoyed by any foreign Government whatever.

Second—Citizens of the United States shall enjoy the same privileges as to the payment of rates for the transmission of messages as are enjoyed by the citizens of the most favored nations.

Third—The transmission of dispatches shall be made in the following order: First, the dispatches of State, under such regulations as may be agreed upon by the Governments interested; second, dispatches on telegraphic service; third, private dispatches.

Fourth—The lines of any such cables shall be kept open to the public for the daily transmission of market and commercial reports and intelligence, and messages, dispatches and communications shall be forwarded in the order in which they are received, except as hereinbefore provided.

Fifth—Before extending or establishing such line or cable in or over any waters, reefs, islands, shores and lands, within the jurisdiction of the United States, a written acceptance of the terms and conditions imposed by this act shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State by the company, corporation or party proposing to establish telegraphic communication.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, subject to the foregoing conditions, stipulations and reservations, and subject to such grants as have heretofore been made by Congress to lay and maintain telegraphic cables from the shores of the United States, the consent of Congress is hereby given to the laying and maintaining of telegraphic or magnetic lines or cables between the United States and foreign countries in, and over lands, islands, shores and reefs and lands within the jurisdiction of the United States.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That any person connected with any company engaged in the transmission of news to foreign countries who shall, contrary to his duty, disclose or in any way make known or intercept the contents of any messages or any part thereof, and any person who shall injure or destroy any cable or other property of the company, or interfere with the working, repair or use of any cable or line connected with such cables, shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine not exceeding $5,000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years; and the party injured thereby shall have a right of action for damages. It shall be the duty of the Attorney-General to prosecute all persons offending against any of the provisions of this act in any District Court of the United States.

The House then, at 4½ o'clock, adjourned.

NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE.

A Painful Case of Poverty.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

A very painful instance of want and suffering has just come to our knowledge in the case of Rev. Mr. WALSH, a City Missionary, who preached in the Hall corner of Eighth-avenue and Eighteenth-street. It seems that he had formerly been connected with the Southern Branch of the Methodist Church and had separated from them on the question of slavery, and had joined the Wesleyans. He preached to the poor, and got a meagre living from the pennies contributed by his charge. He has gradually become poorer and poorer himself, but was too sensitive to apply to others for relief. His four children have had no change of garments this Winter, and he has not had money enough to buy an overcoat or underclothes for himself.

They have all had but little food. At length, cold and the want of food exhausted him, and on the bitter night of Thursday week he felt that he could not hold out, and bade farewell to his family. Though abandoned of men, he died with supreme trust in Christ, and believed he saw Him in the poverty-stricken room, and committed his fatherless little ones and widow to His care.

The case seems beyond belief that a minister of the Gospel could die of hunger and cold in this City, and yet those are the facts.

The poor sufferer no longer needs help, but his family can still be aided.

Any one calling at this office, can obtain the address of the widow.

C. L. BRACE, Secretary.

CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY,
No. 19 East Fourth-street,
NEW-YORK, Saturday, Jan. 14, 1871.

Card from Genio C. Scott.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I am much obliged for the advice to send complimentary notice of any member of the Ring to the *World*, but I cannot control its tergiversations any more than I could the turnings of the weathercock on St. Paul's. Having taken the TIMES from its infancy, and no other daily regularly but the *Herald*, I plead ignorance of the contents of any journal that ever squinted toward Copperheadism. Yours most truly,

No. 171 BROADWAY, Monday, Jan. 16, 1871. GENIO C. SCOTT.

[Our correspondent is a good man, and we freely forgive him for never reading the *World*. Let him continue in his present course, and his life will be happy and his memory respected.]

THE LOSS OF THE SAGINAW.

Particulars of the Disaster in the Pacific—Sufferings of Some of the Crew in an Open Boat for Thirty Days—Only One of Them Saved.

By a passenger from Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, who arrived at San Francisco on the 7th inst. by the steamer *Moses Taylor*, the San Francisco *Alta* was furnished the following detailed account of the loss of the United States steamer *Saginaw*:

"News reached Honolulu on the 24th of December of the total loss, on the 29th of October last, of the United States ship of war *Saginaw*, on that desolate sand-bank called Ocean Island, situated 1,200 miles north northwest from Honolulu, and about midway between San Francisco and Yokohama. The intelligence was conveyed to the Hawaiian Islands on board the Captain's gig, which had been detached from the scene of the wreck, and on board of which were Lieut. TALBOT, PETER FRANCIS, JOHN ANDREWS, JAMES MUIR and WILLIAM HALFORD, all of whom nobly volunteered to attempt to reach Honolulu. After a lengthy voyage of over thirty days, during which much rough weather and many severe hardships were encountered, the boat struck on a reef opposite Halimkai Bay, on the Island of Kauli, in the Hawaiian group, on the 19th of December last.

STATEMENT OF THE SURVIVOR.

The heartrending scene that then occurred cannot be better described than in the simple statement of WILLIAM HALFORD, sole survivor of the boat's crew, as made before H. A. PIERCE, Esq., United States Minister Resident at Honolulu:

Sailed from Midway Island at 5 P. M. Oct. 28; vessel met good weather, but cloudy and dark; speed two and a half to three knots an hour; fires banked; topsail and jib set, running with fair wind; Captain came on deck at 2 A. M.; I was sitting down aft, when the vessel struck; officer of deck, Mr. GLASS, (who relieved COLES,) had just informed Captain of breakers ahead. Captain ordered topsails to be lowered; just at that moment vessel struck; topsails were ordered to be furled; crew paralyzed with fear, and the orders were not obeyed: surf then breaking over vessel, and hove her higher up; all hands put to work to get boats and save provisions and other things, (worked all day carrying things to the shore); at break of day saw a sand island about one and half to two miles off; removed two very sick men ashore, and four or five others slightly so. From time of wreck, nearly three weeks, all hands employed getting up tents, saving provisions and rigging, making fresh water with apparatus, and decking over and preparing Captain's gig to go to Honolulu; the launch was lost at time vessel struck; the former was raised about ten inches midships before and abaft, and a wooden deck was placed over all, with places for men to row, with movable hatches; volunteers were called to go in the gig to Honolulu; Lieut. TALBOT, PETER FRANCIS, Jr. Master, belilonging to Manila, and JOHN ANDREWS, seaman, of Boston, JAMES MUIR, seaman, of Glasgow, Scotland, and WILLIAM HALFOND, (myself,) cockswain of Captain's gig, volunteered to go in the boat to Honolulu. There was put into the boat ten breakers of water, five days' rations of bread, in a tin case, sealed; ten do. in a black canvass bag, which was mostly spoiled on the passage; about two dozen small tins preserved meats; five tins (five pounds each) dessicated potatoes, to which we attribute being saved from starvation; two tins cooked beans, could not be used, causing dysentery; three tins (one pound) wheat, do.; one ham, eight or ten pounds; six tins preserved oysters; ten pounds dried beef; one dozen tins Lima beans and peas; four or five pounds compound; one gallon molasses in keg leaked out; twelve pounds white sugar also lost by wet; four pounds tea; four or five pounds coffee, both spoiled. The boat was furnished with a small tin cooking apparatus, by boiling with oil and wick.

FRIGHTFUL SUFFERING.

Five days out, lost all light and fire, and no means of making either—no dry tinder or wood, but had flint and steel. About five or six days before making Kauii we succeeded in getting a light with the glasses taken from an opera-glass. Suffered much from wet, cold and want of food. When we left Ocean Island, NOV. 18, at noon, we run to the north to latitude 32°; there took the westerly winds and run east to longitude of Kauii, as MR. TALBOT supposed; but is proved, ultimately, we were not near that longitude by over a degree. We then stood south. Had heavy weather while running eastward; hove to with sea anchor twice—last time lost it. Made another drag with three oars, which were also lost. Then made another drag with two oars, with square sail by crossing them. That lasted for three turns of bad weather; the last time it broke adrift and all was lost of it. MR. TALBOT was ill for seven or eight days with diarrhea; got better, but still suffered from fatigue and hardship. He was somewhat cheerful the whole passage. MUIR and ANDREWS were sick two or three weeks. FRANCIS was always well. The deck was leaky. The boat was furnished chronometer, compasses, sextant, opera-glass, charts, Bowditch's Almanac, barometer. Did not make land so soon by a week as we expected. The first land we saw was Kauhuelaua Rock, near Nihau Island, on Friday morning, 16th December. We stood north by east (Nihau Island in sight, but to windward) all day Friday; during that night and Saturday we stood north-east by north; on Saturday night headed east third south south-east.

LAND IS SEEN.

Sunday morning, wind allowed us to head south-east. Saw Kauii, a great distance off. Saturday night. Sunday night we were off Hanalei Bay; then hove to, head to north-west, wind having hauled that night to westward. We lay to thus until 11 P. M., when I was on deck; called MR. TALBOT; told him night was clear. I could see the entrance to Hanalei Harbor. He ordered boat to be kept away, and steered for entrance; got near it, when it clouded up and became dark; hove to again to the north-west. At 1 A. M. called my relief; ANDREWS and FRANCIS came on deck, also MR. TALBOT. After I went below, boat was again kept away for a short time, when she again hove to, it being dark. At a little past 2 A. M. on Monday, Dec. 19, she was kept away for the third time. I remained below until I felt the boat was getting into shoal water. I woke MUIR, and told him it was time we went on deck. He did not go, but I did. Just as I got in cockpit a sea broke aboard, abaft. MR. TALBOT ordered to bring boat by wind. I hauled aft main sheet. FRANCIS was at helm, and brought vessel up to wind.

A DISASTROUS TERMINATION.

Just then another breaker broke on board and capsized the boat. ANDREWS and FRANCIS were washed away, and were never seen afterward. MUIR was still below, and did not get clear until the boat was righted when he gave symptoms of insanity. Before the boat was righted by the sea MR. TALBOT was clinging to the bilge of the boat. I called to him to go to the stern of the boat, and there get up on the bottom. While attempting to do so he was washed off, when he sank. He was heavily clothed and much exhausted. He made no cry. I succeeded in getting on to the bottom, when I stripped myself of clothing. Then a sea came and righted the boat. It was then that MUIR put his head up the cockpit, when I assisted him in getting on deck. Soon after another breaker came and upset her again, she going over twice. Last time came upright and head on to the breakers. We then found her to be inside of the large breakers. We then drifted toward the shore, at a place called Kalihi Kai, about five miles from Hanalei. I landed, with the water breast-high, and took with me a tin case of dispatches and letters. There was a tin box on board, with its cover broken, containing navigation books, charts, &c., also Capt. SICARD'S instructions to Lieut. TALBOT, and other papers, among which were MUIR'S and ANDREWS' discharge papers, they having shipped NOV. 15 for one month; they belonged to the contractors, as their employes previous to that time; also my and FRANCIS' transfer papers and accounts destined for Mare Island Navy-yard. The above-named box, with everything not lashed, fell into the water when we were first upset. I landed at about 3 A. M., and saw no one until daybreak, when, seeing some huts, I went to them and got assistance to get the boat into beach. I had previously, by making five trips to the boat, succeeded in bringing ashore the long tin case afore mentioned—chronometer, opera-glass, barometer, one ship's compass, boat's binnacle and compass, and also assisted MUIR to the shore. He was still insane, and said but little, incoherently. He groaned a good deal. I was much exhausted, and laid myself down to rest until sunrise, when the natives went over on horseback to Hanalei, to Sheriff WILCOX and to Mr. BURT. Then rise, when I looked for MUIR and found him gone from the place I left him in. Soon after, I found him surrounded by several natives, but he was dead and very black in the face. During the day I got some food and clothing from the natives—one called PETER—and after resting we returned with the Sheriff and Coroner to Kalihi Kai, where an inquest was held over the bodies of Lieut. TALBOT and Mr. MUIR, the former having drifted ashore just before I left Kalihi Kai for Hanalei. Mr. TALBOT'S forehead was bruised and quite black, apparently from having struck the boat or wrecked stuff.

FUNERAL SERVICES.

After the inquest was completed, the two bodies were taken to Hanalei, put into coffins, and buried the following day in one grave, at a place where a seaman belonging to the United States steam-ship *Lackawanna* was buried in 1867. Funeral services were performed by CYRUS KENNY by reading the Episcopal burial service, and two Misses JOHNSON, daughters of an American missionary, singing. Before I left Hawaii for Honolulu, it was reported by a half white, who had been left to watch the shore at Kalihi Kai, that ANDREWS' body had also come ashore, and was taken care of. Capt. DUDOIT, of the schooner *Wanona*, offered to bring me direct to Honolulu, leaving his return freight at Waimea for another trip. I accepted the same through MR. BENT, and we sailed for Honolulu on the evening of Tuesday, the 20th of December, and arrived at Honolulu at 11 A. M., Dec. 24, bringing with me the effects saved as aforementioned. Went, on landing, immediately to the United States Consul's office, where I saw him and the Minister Resident, and told my story to them.

NAMES OF THE WRECKED OFFICERS.

The following are the names of the wrecked officers: Capt. Montgomery Sicard; Lieut. Talbot; Ensigns Cogswell, Gast and Parsons; Paymaster Reid; Dr. Frank; Engineers, Butterworth, Ryan, Main, Force and Godfrey; Robertson; master's mate, and Blythe, Assistant Engineer to the contractors. The crew of the *Saginaw* numbered sixty-four men, and there were also on board fifteen men who had been in the employ of the contractors for the works at Midway Island. The *Saginaw* was engaged in assisting the contractors for the proposed harbor at Midway Island, at which it was hoped the steamers would be enabled to make a coaling station. It is understood that Capt. SICARD and his officers agree in the opinion that it is utterly impracticable to make an available harbor at the island mentioned.

RELIEF SENT.

Immediately upon HALFORD'S arrival at Honolulu action was taken by our Minister, H. A. PIERCE, Esq., and by American residents generally, to send relief to the unfortunate men at Ocean Island. Within eight hours after the deplorable news became known, a fast-sailing packet was under way with food, medicine, and all other comforts on board that the utmost forethought could suggest. That being accomplished, it was then thought undesirable that the lives of so many should remain dependant upon the uncertain progress of a sailing vessel, accordingly the Hawaiian Government tendered the use of their steamer, the *Kilauea*. This was at once thankfully received, and with all possible dispatch she, too, was under way with the necessary comforts on board. Too much credit cannot be given to His Excellency F. HUTCHINSON, Minister of the Interior of Hawaii, for the prompt action he took in this matter. It may be safely hoped and believed that by this time the unfortunate men have been rescued, and that they are now on their way to Honolulu. As the *Moses Taylor* was leaving, the United States ship-of-war *Nyack* entered Honolulu from Callao. Upon learning the sad news, her commander at once determined to remain until the arrival of the *Kilauea*, in order to bring on his unfortunate comradese to San Francisco. The *Nyack* arrived in a disabled condition, and would require several days for repairs before being fit to go to sea, or she also would have proceeded to Ocean Island. The *Kilauea* left on the 26th of December, and would reach the wreck about the 2d of January. All being well she would arrive at Honolulu on her return voyage about the 10th or 11th of January. Capt. SICARD having heard that the remains of a wreck had been seen on Ocean Island, determined that it was his duty to ascertain the truth prior to finally leaving the station. He was thus engaged in an act of humanity when he met with the disaster which has cost him so much hardship, if not his life."

A Live Parson is Worth More than a Dead Actor.

By Mark Twain, in the Galaxy for February.

What a ludicrous satire it was upon Christian charity!—even upon the vague, theoretical idea of it which doubtless this small saint mouths from his own pulpit every

THE FENIAN OVATION.

The Released Prisoners Expected Today or To-Morrow.

The Fenians lately released by the British Government are expected to arrive on the steamer *Cuba*, which vessel will, in all probability, be here to-night or to-morrow morning. As soon as the vessel is signaled at Sandy Hook the Keeper of the City Hall will hoist the flag bearing the City arms on the flag-pole of the hall nearest to Broadway.

There seems to be some apprehension that the programme for the reception of these "exiles and patriots" may be somewhat changed by the intervention of the United States authorities. In fact the United States Marshal may arrest them as soon as they are within his jurisdiction for breach of the Neutrality laws. Should this be done, it is probable that the arrests will be made while the *Cuba* is in the Lower Bay.

Action of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen—An Official Reception to Take Place in Brooklyn—An Attempt to Have $1,000 Appropriated for the Demonstration Voted Down.

The Brooklyn Board of Aldermen met in stated session yesterday, and in the presence of a large number of Irish spectators consumed the entire afternoon in discussing the propriety of giving a public reception to the released Fenians when they arrive in this country. The matter was brought to the notice of the Board by a communication from Hon. WILLIAM E. ROBINSON, which was placed on file. Alderman CLANCEY then offered for adoption the following rather ambiguous preamble and resolution:

Whereas, It is expected that there will soon arrive in the City of New-York, O'DONOVAN ROSSA and his compatriots, distinguished for their services and sufferings for the cause of freedom in Ireland; and,

Whereas, It is but proper that the citizens of Brooklyn, sympathizing as they do to so large an extent with the great cause with which these gentlemen are identified, should have an opportunity of tendering to them their congratulations on their release from the imprisonment to which its tyrannical and despotic laws had consigned them, and a welcome to this land of the free; therefore

Resolved, That it be referred to a Committee of seven to invite to the City of Brooklyn, and arrange for a proposed public reception thereon of the Irish released prisoners, soon to arrive in this country, at an expense not to exceed $1,000, which amount is hereby appropriated for that purpose.

Alderman CUNNINGHAM objected to the resolution on the ground that, however much the Board might sympathize with the patriots in question, they had no authority to spend any money on them in the name of the City. He therefore hoped the matter would be left entirely to the citizens.

Alderman CLANCEY referred to the fact that it was scarcely six months since the Board found it convenient to appropriate $500 for the purchase of a set of American colors for an English ship, and expressed himself as of opinion that it would be quite as proper to spend $1,000 in the name of the people for the public reception of men who had suffered so much for the cause of freedom.

Alderman MCGROURTY moved to amend by striking out the $1,000, and gave as his reason for so doing his belief that the Mayor would veto the resolution if passed, and, secondly, that the Board had no earthly right to spend the City finances in receiving Fenians or any other class of patriots. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 14 to 7.

Alderman CLANCEY then moved to amend by inserting $500 where the $1,000 had been.

Alderman BERGEN objected, and read a section of the charter showing that any Alderman who voted to make expenditure by or against the City when no money has been raised in the budget for that purpose shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and contended that whoever voted for CLANCEY'S resolution would be guilty of the crime referred to in the charter.

Alderman CLANCEY declared himself pleased with the disposition shown by Mr. BERGEN to live up to the provisions of the charter, but hoped that the section would not be enforced, for if it should, and Mr. BERGEN, but one other Alderman in the Board would be placed in jail. The members of the Board, said he, have voted fifty times to appropriate money for things not provided for in the budget. There was no money for the English flags, but yet the objecting Aldermen found it consistent with their duties to appropriate it.

Alderman BERGEN said he had no objection to Mr. CLANCEY'S bringing any resolution he chose in the Board, or making any number of buncombe speeches in support of them, but he would advise the gentleman to read the charter, and learn more fully what his duties as an Alderman were before he undertook to insult gentlemen who found it incompatible with their duties to vote for his absurd propositions.

Alderman CLANCEY replied, saying, in conclusion, that he would remember the declaration of Mr. BERGEN.

The $500 amendment was voted down, and the resolution passed, merely giving the Committee power to extend an invitation to the Fenians to visit the city.

A resolution was passed appropriating money for the purchase of badges for the new members of the Board worth $72 each.

The Board then adjourned.

Custom-House Affairs.

The Congressional Committee, charged with the examination of the General Order business, have returned to Washington, and will not resume their sessions until the end of this week. The tariff of 1866 imposed penalties amounting to confiscation upon importers who should bring into port brandies or other liquors in quantities less than thirty gallons. This was construed to prohibit the importation of liquors by the case, but importers got over this difficulty by packing in strong boxes the liquors brought by the case, which were made to contain the quantity required by law. The tariff of 1870 modifies this materially. Now importers are permitted to bring cases of one dozen bottles each, and brandies and other liquors in casks of not less than fourteen gallons.

Michael Angelo—Lecture by Prof. John Lord at Association Hall.

Prof. JOHN LORD delivered the third of a course of lectures at Association Hall, yesterday morning, on MICHAEL ANGELO, before a large and increasing audience. The lecturer graphically sketched the life and actions of the great sculptor, his early struggles, his disappointments, the failure to appreciate his genius, dwelling at length on the merits of his great works, which gained for him a name the world will never see equaled. He was not merely a sculptor but an engineer, an architect, painter and poet. His genius scored altogether above the level of ordinary mortals; his world was that of glorious and exciting ideas, and the most vivid description could convey no idea of the magnificence and beauty of his productions. He it was who revived the glory of the ancient artists, carrying it to a higher condition of perfection than it ever before attained. He took for his models the works of the great men of antiquity, he infused into them a spirit conformable to Christian ideas, and the result was the production of those great works which ever have and ever will continue to create impressions forcibly reminding us of the Divine hand. It was not very satisfactory to reflect that in many instances the great minds of the world were thwarted in their grandest endeavors, their motives misconstrued, and frequently they themselves were compelled to eke out a miserable existence in mortification and shame. ANGELO, indeed, tasted the cup of bitterness. He was schooled in sorrow and disappointment as well as prosperity, leading a checkered life, to experience only ingratitude and neglect. The speaker bitterly denounced the spirit which prompted such ingratitude, and concluded an eloquent lecture by a reference to the universal commendations which ANGELO'S works always evoked.

The Dispensary Department of the Women's Institute—Another Chance for the Working Women.

A TIMES reporter was recently received at the rooms appropriated as set forth above, at No. 459 Sixth-avenue, and instructed as to the designs and operations so far of the work.

Patients were invited for the first time on the morning of Dec. 29, and already some fifteen to twenty have presented themselves as candidates for the advantages offered. The class for whom this benevolence was instituted is composed of females who are laboring on small wages—clerks, seamstresses, artists, the female relatives of impecunious professional men, and, in short, females reduced in circumstances through one and another stroke of adverse fortune. It is one of the fundamental rules of the establishment that no fee shall be received from any patient whatsoever. Those who are pecuniarily able may pay for their medicines, but to such as are not, even these are given gratuitously. Donations, indeed, may be made by patients, at their pleasure, as by persons outside, but there is nothing exacted or expected. Apropos, the founders of this laudable enterprise especially appeal to their own sex for material aid for co-operation and sympathy to carry on their work. They say, "when it is realized that the beneficiaries are women like unto themselves, delicate, sensitive and refined in their nature, possessing the same instincts, and the same desire to preserve in its entirety the natural modesty and self-respect that is at once the safeguard and glory of womanhood, surely every wife, mother, sister and daughter in this great City should feel it a blessed privilege to extend a helping hand in this endeavor to make relief at the hands of women, without money and without price, available to all. They truly, no doubt, urge that every year sees numbers of valuable lives lost through lack of the very opportunities now being inaugurated—"lives that should represent the girlhood, wifehood, motherhood of the country, lost to it in too many instances because the necessary remedial agents could not be made available, from one or another cause; not the least frequently occurring, a natural hesitancy to seek relief at the hands of male physicians."

In addition to the Board of Physicians and Surgeons giving their services to the institution, a Dental Department is added, and the Eye and Ear Departments are respectively filled by well-skilled oculists and aurists. The Board numbers the names of Dr. Anna Densmore, Dr. Sarah A. Coon, Dr. Mary E. Greene, Dr. Willard Parker, Dr. D. B. St. John Roosa, Dr. Wm. A. Hammond, Dr. T. Gailland Thomas, Dr. Frederick B. Lente, Dr. O. D. Pomeroy, and others. Rev. THOS. GALLAUDET, Rector of St. Ann's Church, and Rev. G. J. MINGINS, of the City Mission, are among the advisers and directors. Clergymen of all denominations, principals of schools, employers of women, and others interested, are furnished with cards admitting beneficiaries to the Dispensary.

Saengerfest Preparations.

The Fest Committee for the twelfth general Saengerfest, composed of delegations of the Saengerbund societies, under whose auspices the approaching Saengerfest will be given, were in session at the Germania Assembly Rooms yesterday, for the purpose of organizing the various sub-committees. The Invitation Committee is composed of Messrs. Reichelt, Kaemmerer, Theo. Hertwig, E. Schuberth and O. Heinzmann. The Committee to procure quarters for the visitors is composed of Messrs. Delkert, Hees, Keitz, Schaffner and Vogel. The Saengerbund will pay the expenses for quartering the visiting singers, which are estimated at $10,000. Messrs. Schuberth, Oestreich and Pfingsten, with the three musical directors, Messrs. Bergmann, Paur and Krueger, constitute the Music Committee. The Publication Committee is composed of Messrs. Leevy, Machold and Oestreich. The formation of the Finance Committee was deferred until a future meeting. The other committees are as follows: Committee on Decorations—Messrs. Hertwig, Delkert and Vogel. Committee on Buildings and Places—Messrs. Cassar, Schmolze, Romand, Lichtenstein, Hetzel and Habers. Refreshment Committee—Messrs. Erz, Arnold, Bieber, Fett and Kappel. Reception Committee—Messrs. Klamke, Loeber and Woll. The formation of the Baggage Committee was postponed.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Held by Ingraham, P. J., and Barnard and Cardozo, JJ.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
150—Sharkey vs. Kelly.	167—Graham vs. Linden.
151—Sarr vs. Same.	169—Schuster vs. Levy.
155—Adler vs. Doherty.	170—Burke vs. Isham.
157—Winch vs. The Mayor, &c.	171—Stiner vs. Stiner.
158—Baker vs. Byrne.	172—Pistor vs. Hatfield.
160—Hancock vs. Gomes.	173—Kissam vs. Dierkes.
161—Shepard vs. Justice.	174—Same vs. Same.
162—Cowles vs. Barnard.	175—Mitchel vs. Hagerty.
163—Bingham, Receiver, vs. Disbrow.	176—Pope vs. Bank of Albion.
164—Selden vs. Bayley.	177—Cosgrove vs. Ogden.
165—McIntosh vs. Fatman.	179—Carow vs. Kelly, Sheriff.
166—Isham vs. Buckingham.	180—Burger vs. Devlin.
	181—Merritt vs. Briggs.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Part I.—Held by Brady, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
—Hatch vs. Puegnet.	32—The Security Ins. Co. vs. Schultz.
220—East N. Y. and Jamaica R. R. Co. vs. Elmore.	64—Wilson vs. McLean.
71—Handenburg vs. Whitney.	250—Crow vs. Hoboken Land and Improvement Co.
205—Burdell vs. LaCoste.	3093—Seyiaith vs. Kursenknaube.
272—Crowley vs. Smith.	153—Falkland vs. St. Michael's Bank.
61—Shed vs. Montgomery.	236—Husson vs. Bickett.
5—Zimmerman vs. Shoenfeldt.	341—Stanley Rule Co. vs. N. H. Steam-boat Co.
7—Gray vs. Wood.	
9—Pinner vs. Stern.	
11—Alexander vs. Dyewood.	377—Goldberg vs. N. A. Fire Ins. Co.
15—Fleishauer vs. Tuska.	21—Steadman vs. West. Trans. Co.

Part II.—Held by Van Brunt, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
1928¼—Carter vs. Foss.	18¼—Tallman vs. Cudlipp.
1906—Zimmerman vs. Schrenfeldt.	172—Rogers vs. Moon.
248—Brett vs. N. American S. S. Co.	228—Barnhard vs. Seligman.
260—Wright vs. Holbrook.	256—Brodie vs. Andrews.
258—Stagg vs. Cumberland and Penn. Coal Co.	970¼—Ryder vs. Commonwealth Ins. Co.
272—Stokes vs. Johnson.	72—McMiller vs. Knox.
34—Bliss vs. Levy.	244—Klink vs. Kelly, Sheriff, &c.
1782—McKnight vs. Devlin.	78—Briggs vs. Sherman.
14—French vs. Dinsmore, President, &c.	82—Forshay vs. Johnson.
	84—Bray vs. Merrill.
	90¼—Becklin vs. Ellis.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Sutherland, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.—Calendar called at 12 M.

Nos.	Nos.
37—Waddy vs. Egan.	60—In re Jones.
46—Allaire Works vs. Thomas.	62—Jones vs. Cronan.

The call commences at No. 63—Mack vs. Cohn.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by McCunn, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
1172—Fisk vs. Sixth-av. Railroad.	447—Tiederman vs. O'Brien.
98—Milan vs. Graham.	163—Feeny vs. O'Brien.
1043—Lotus vs. Novelty Works.	270—Solomon vs. Hoisevasco.
97—Costello vs. Casey.	449—Alger vs. Vanderpool.
207—Myron vs. Third-av. Railroad.	193—Caple vs. Jones.
475—Scott vs. Finnegan.	1222—Gawtry vs. Booker.
72—Goodenough Horse Shoe Co. vs. Grocers' Ins. Co.	220—Kase vs. O'Brien.
171—Villaret vs. O'Brien.	225—Payson vs. Peil.
275—Claflin vs. Rosenberg.	32—Sturges vs. N. J. Navigation Co.
451—Alexander vs. Bleecker-st. Railroad.	291—Coffers vs. Home Life Ins. Co.

SUPERIOR COURT—CIRCUIT.

Nos.	Nos.
566—Mendelsohn vs. Stein.	73—Board of Water Commissioners of Detroit vs. Burr et al.
570—Morgenthan vs. Henaley.	333—Caspar vs. O'Brien.
442—Keim vs. McCormick.	562—Manley vs. Pacific Mail Steam-ship Co.
146—Campbell vs. Preterre.	112—Schanck vs. Morris.
566—Simonson vs. Walker.	262—Burnett vs. O'Brien.
576—Justh vs. Nat. Bank of the Commonwealth.	220—Young vs. The Pacific Mutual Ins. Co.
294—Harrison vs. Tinker.	260—Young vs. The Manhattan Ins. Co. (a)
1172—Dempsey vs. Hall.	260—Young vs. The Pacific Mutual Ins. Co. (b)
604—Beckwith vs. Bates.	296—Henderson vs. Mahoney.
284—Sawles vs. Collins.	600—McDaniels vs. Beeson.
608—Harris vs. O'Brien.	156—Faron vs. Richardson.
250—Norris vs. Kohler.	356—Buckman vs. Mongenroth.
326—Smith vs. The Commonwealth Fire Ins. Co.	610—Stroub vs. The Third-avenue R. R. Co.
218—Smith vs. Baltic Fire Ins. Co.	1804¼—Kobbe vs. Gerding.
322—Smith vs. Exchange Fire Ins. Co.	
138—Funke vs. N. Y. Mutual Ins. Co. et al.	
411—Gibson vs. Bostwick.	

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by Larremore, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M. Set-Down Causes.

Nos.	Nos.
221—Wood vs. Ziegler.	300—Shipman et al. vs. Pielstecker.
163—Schofield vs. Kelly.	35—Costelloe vs. The Mayor, &c.
215—Levy vs. McNulty.	477—Isham vs. Robinson.
49—Reinheimer vs. Central Park, N. & E. R. Co.	461—Wood vs. Merritt.
448—Schuyler et al. vs. Honiah.	274—Leffert vs. Melville.
238—Caldwell, Jr., vs. Bass.	241—Fribourg vs. Obl.
207—Sturdam vs. Jackson.	491—Goshe vs. Raisbeck.
	469—Golde vs. Kelly.

MARINE COURT—CIRCUIT.

Part I.—Held by Alker, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
4070—Scholerman vs. Londsberger.	5375—Hall vs. Wise.
4440—Greenbaum vs. Losky.	4507—Same vs. Same.
4676—Phelan vs. Johnston.	4851—Hulse vs. Mesler.
4725—Lyon vs. Vorpahl.	4862—Condict vs. Gregg.
4763¼—Gedney vs. Beman.	4864—Koebler vs. Kelly.
4807—Scullon vs. Conwell.	4885—Anderson vs. Ashcroft.
4848—Glogonowski vs. Benseger.	4866—Whittaker vs. Mc-Connie.
	4867—Prise vs. Solomon.

Part II.—Held by Gross, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M. Calendar called at 12 M.

Nos.	Nos.
4741—McBride vs. Contrell	4422—Same vs. Same.
4749—Reymert vs. Bertrand.	4734—Same vs. Same.
4736—Harrington vs. Sexton.	4625—McKenzie vs. Devlin
5402—Wardell vs. Carecana	4707—Mott vs. Hooker.
1066—Pelton vs. Coulter.	4754¼—Derr vs. Raab.
4115—Chichester vs. Western Union Tel. Co.	4810—Evers vs. Pieper.
	4824—Overton vs. Howe.
	48—Netter vs. Wals.

KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Nos.	Nos.
122—Gregory vs. Drake.	73—Wade vs. O'Connell.
22—Barker vs. Heitner.	74—Same vs. Same.
26—Walter vs. White.	75—Bigley vs. Tobias.
111—Reid vs. Hayward.	85—McAliley vs. Harding.
115—De Costa vs. Pasley.	89—Young vs. Waddy.
140—Gerken vs. Marquart.	123—Noody vs. J. Fisk, Jr.
185—Whitbeck vs. Morgan.	128—Worts vs. Downs.
2—Whitty vs. Johnson.	134—Ralph vs. Pearl.
8—Cuthbert vs. Bridge.	155—Adams vs. Thomas.
17—Ottamoor vs. Meyer.	156—Hoag vs. Blackwell.
29—Blydenburgh vs. Nesmith.	157—Brockau vs. Reilley.
46—March vs. Lewis.	158—Burr vs. Thomas.
51—Ebaugh vs. Phillips.	159—Same vs. Same.
72—Suydam vs. Dodge.	160—Adams vs. Thomas.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JAN. 16.

By Judge Sutherland.

In re the application of Maynard; referee's report confirmed.

Stone vs. Sizerson; motion denied with $10 costs to plaintiff, to abide the event.

Solms vs. Pickering; motion granted without costs.

Wright *vs.* Wright; see memorandum.

Kellogg *vs.* Cutter; motion denied with $10 costs to plaintiff, to abide the event.

Same *vs.* the Same; same decision.

National Broadway Bank *vs.* Smith; motion granted without costs.

Mildeberger *vs.* Kellers; report of referee confirmed; Decree made and extra allowance specified and ordered.

American Bureau of Mines *vs.* Weed; motion granted on payment of $10 costs of opposing.

Powell *vs.* Fenner; motion granted on payment of defendant's costs, to be taxed by the clerk, and $10 costs of opposing.

Laparll *vs.* Laparll; motion denied without costs.

By Judge Ingraham.

Pistor *vs.* Rachel; motion granted.

Drake *vs.* Rogers; case settled.

The Mechanics' Banking Association *vs.* The Mariposa Company; judgment for the plaintiffs. See decision.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 16.

By Chief-Justice Barbour.

Agge *vs.* Funke; order granted.

Myers *vs.* Hanford; Same *vs.* Same; causes referred.

Whitman *vs.* O'Brien; Raynor *vs.* Gardner; Gerken *vs.* Robinson; Simmons *vs.* Cooper; orders granted.

COMMON PLEAS—GENERAL TERM.

By Chief-Justice Daly and Judges Loew and Robinson.

Hughes *vs.* The Mutual Insurance Company; appeal dismissed. Opinion by Judge LOEW.

McShea *vs.* Matthews; judgment reversed unless the plaintiff stipulates to reduce the same, in which case it is affirmed. Opinion by Judge VAN BRUNT.

Green *vs.* Green; judgment affirmed. Opinion by Judge VAN BRUNT.

Geeson *vs.* Wendt; judgment affirmed. Opinion by Judge VAN BRUNT.

Murray *vs.* Walker; leave to go to the Court of Appeals denied.

Henderson *vs.* Spofford; judgment affirmed. Opinion by Judge ROBINSON.

Miner *vs.* Somerville; judgment reversed. Opinion by Judge VAN BRUNT.

Cooper *vs.* Rivards; judgment reversed. Opinion by Judge VAN BRUNT.

Ripley *vs.* Cochran; judgment affirmed. Opinion by Judge JOSEPH F. DALY.

Murray *vs.* The Bull's Head Bank; judgment affirmed. Opinion by Judge ROBINSON.

The Court adjourned to Feb. 3, when further decisions will be rendered.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—SOUTHERN DISTRICT—JAN. 16.

Before Judge Blatchford.

QUESTION AS TO BANKRUPTCY PRACTICE—IRREGULARITY IN AN APPEAL IN EQUITY.

Edward Benjamin vs. *Julius Hart.*—This was a bankruptcy case on appeal in equity. A final decree was given in favor of Benjamin. The defendant, within ten days after the entry of the decree, gave notice to the Clerk of this Court, and to the plaintiff, as required by section 8 of the Bankruptcy act, that he claimed an appeal to the Circuit Court from the decree of this Court. The defendant did not, at the time of claiming such an appeal, however, give or file any bond, as required by such section 8. That section provides that no appeal shall be allowed "unless the appellant, at the time of claiming the same, shall give a bond in the manner now required by law in cases of such appeal, nor unless the appeal should be claimed and notice thereof be given to the clerk within ten days after the entry of the decree appealed from." The defendant neither gave nor filed any bond within the ten days. Judge BLATCHFORD, on rendering his decision, yesterday, held that the appeal from the District Court should be headed with the title of the District Court. The title used in the printed form in this case is one which should be made on an appeal from the Circuit Court to the Supreme Court. The stay on the execution of the bond cannot be given.

C. H. Woodbury for the plaintiff; C. T. Whittemore for the defendant.

COLLISION—ACTION FOR DAMAGES.

Leavitt vs. *Jewett.*—The libelant is the owner of the schooner *Franconia*. On the evening of the 31st of October last, a collision occurred between his vessel and the steamer *Ladona*, which was bound from this port to New-Orleans at the time. The libelant claims that the steamer only had one light on board, which was hung from her mast-head; that she did not show any green or red light, and that she was not provided with a proper lookout. The claimant alleges in general terms that the fault of the collision rests with the schooner. The action is for the recovery of about $1,500 damages.

Mr. Robert D. Benedict for the libelant; Beebe, Cook & Donohue for the defendant.

KINGS COUNTY—SUPREME COURT.

Before Judge Pratt.

ACTION FOR ALLEGED FALSE IMPRISONMENT.

Ludwig F. Lenther vs. *Jacob Morch.*—This was an action to recover $10,000 for damages caused to the plaintiff by alleged false imprisonment made in consequence of misinformation furnished the authorities by the defendant. The plaintiff, it appears, was arrested on the 31st of January last, on the complaint of the defendant, charging him with getting a quantity of meerschaum pipes and other fancy goods on the false pretense that he had a customer for them, keeping them in his possession and refusing to account for them or tell where they were. He was imprisoned for seventeen hours in the Station-house, and on the 1st day of February, upon being brought before the Magistrate, he waived an examination, and was taken to the Raymond-street Jail. He was bailed out after remaining in jail three days. The Grand Jury refused to find an indictment, whereupon he brought this suit against the defendant for $10,000 damages for the false imprisonment.

The defense to the action was that Renther, understanding that a complaint would be made, went before Justice Voorhees, and surrendered himself, stating that he had learned a complaint had been made against him by Mr. Morch. Finding that no complaint had been made, he sent word to Morch that if he wanted to fight he was ready for him. Whereupon Morch came and made the complaint upon which Renther was held.

At the conclusion of the testimony for plaintiff, defendant's counsel moved for a non-suit, which was granted.

William H and D. Van Cott for plaintiff; A. H. Dailey for defendant.

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM—PART I.—JAN. 16.

Before Judge Larremore and a Jury.

THE VAN PELT SUIT COMPROMISED.

Eliza Schoenig vs. *Reuben W. Van Pelt.*—This action, which was to recover over $14,000 alleged to be due plaintiff from defendant out of moneys collected by the latter in his capacity as attorney, and already reported in the TIMES, was continued this morning. The plaintiff was placed on the stand and gave testimony to the effect that some of the checks purporting to be signed by her were not so signed. Her testimony in this respect was, however, much shaken on cross-examination, she admitting that she signed papers many times without knowing what they were. After the noon recess, Ex-Recorder Smith appeared in Court and announced to the presiding Judge that a settlement had been effected between the parties which, without stating the terms of it, he said was entirely satisfactory to the plaintiff. On the question of the non-signing of the checks, he believed his client mistaken, and he felt compelled to say that defendant, while proposing this settlement, still insisted on the truth of his side of the case.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—JAN. 16.

FIRST BOARD.

$2,000	U. S. 5s, '74, C.....105	600	N. Y. C. & H. R...91⅜
5,000	do.....105¼	400	do.....91⅝
5,000	U. S. 5s, '81, C..110⅜	1500	N. Y. C. & H. Cs. 88⅛
2,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '64.108⅜	40,000	do.....b.c. 87⅞
15,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '65, new.....107⅜	300	Reading.....97⅜
1,000	do.....107⅝	200	do.....s30 97¼
117,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '67.108⅛	500	L. S. & M. So...x d. 88⅜
1,000	U. S. 5s, 10-40 C.107⅝	200	do.....b.c. 88⅜
60,000	do.....107¾	400	do.....88⅜
10,000	Tenn. 6s, old.....63	200	Union Pacific.....14⅛
9,000	Ga. 7s, Gold bds. 94⅛	5	Panama.....73½
5,000	S. C. 6s, new, Jan. & July.....82⅛	100	Clev. & Pitts.....104⅜
8,000	Missouri 6s.....89⅜	100	Chic. & N. W. Pf. 82⅜
4,000	do.....90	100	do.....b.c. 81⅛
5,000	Mich. So. 2d.....98	800	Chic. & R. I.....105⅛
14,000	Cen. Pac. G. bds. 90⅛	900	do.....105⅛
60,000	Union Pac. 1st.....79	900	do.....b.c. 105⅛
4,000	Pac. 7s, G. by Mo. 97	200	N. J. Cen.....102
12,000	C. & R. I. & Pa. 7s. 97	200	Mil. & St. P. Pf.....72⅛
2,000	Mor. & Essex 2d 98	800	Del., L. & West.....103¾
2,000	T., P. & W. W. 2d 93	78	do.....134
2,000	Ohio, C. & I. C. 1st 82⅜	100	do.....s60. 103⅜
25	Metropolitan Bk..130	50	Tol., W. & West..80½
5	do.....129	100	Bos., H. & Erie...1⅛
30	Continental Bk....95⅜	100	Alton & T. H.....31
10	do.....95⅝	100	Chic. & Alton.....114⅜
10	St. Nicholas Bk...119	200	do.....b30 30⅜
25	Central Nat. Bk...102	20	Chic., B. & Quin...152⅜
33	Merchants' Bk.....113	163	Morris & Essex.....88⅜
100	Bk. of Commerce..118		do.....88⅜
200	Mariposa Mining...5⅛	100	Han. & St. Jos.b30 36½
200	Mariposa Pref.....9	200	do.....80⅜
200	Pacific Mail.....41⅜	200	do.....80½
60	do.....41⅞	100	Han. & St. Jos. Pf. 92⅜
300	West. U. Tel...b.c. 46	20	do.....92
200	do.....46⅝	100	do.....91⅜
75	U. S. Express.....36	100	Rome & Water'n. 124⅛
300	Erie.....21⅞		

SECOND BOARD.

$500	U. S. 6s, '81 C....110⅜	50	Reading R.....97⅜
2,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '62..109⅛	42	do.....97¼
3,700	U. S. 5-20 R., '62.108⅜	100	do.....97⅜
11,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '65, new.....107⅜	100	L. S. & M. So. R.R. 88⅜
10,000	U. S. 5-20 R., '64.108⅛	50	do.....88⅜
16,300	U. S. 5-20 R., '65.108⅛	50	do.....b.c. 88⅜
20,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '67.108	20	Mich. Cent. R. R...117⅜
500	do.....108⅛	5	do.....118
10,000	do.....b10.108	100	U. Pac. R. R.....14⅜
10,000	do.....b3.108	100	do.....b30. 14⅜
1,500	U. S. 5-20 R., '68.108⅛	100	Chi. & N. W. R. R. 71⅜
1,000	U. S. 5s, 10-40 C.107⅞	200	C. & N. W. R. R. Pf. 82¼
9,000	do.....107⅝	100	C., C., C. & I. R.R., ex div.....83⅜
10,000	do.....107⅞	100	Chic. & R. I. R. R...105⅜
50,000	U. S. 6s, Cy.....110⅛	900	Mil. & St. P. R. R. 81⅞
25,000	Ten. St. 6s, new. 63⅜	200	do.....b. c. 81⅛
10,000	do.....63⅜	200	do.....80⅜
1,000	N.C., Old Bds....45⅜	400	M. & St. P. R. R. Pf. 72⅜
5,000	do.....45	100	do.....b. c. 72⅜
2,000	S. C. 8s, new, Jan. & July.....81⅜	39	Rome & Wat. R. R. 124⅜
23,000	Missouri 6s.....90	150	P., Ft. W. & C., G. 98⅜
2,000	Ark. 7s, Iss. to L. R. & F. S. R. R. 60	200	Alt. & T. H. R. R. 32
5,000	U. P., 1st M.....75	100	do.....31¼
10,000	U. P. 7s, L. G. Bd. 80	100	A. & T. H. R. R. Pf. 57⅛
44	West. U. Tel.....69	400	Ohio & Miss. R.R. 30⅜
15	do.....46⅛	110	M. & Essex R. R.....88⅜
300	do.....b. c. 46⅜	420	H. & St. Jo. R. R. 80
100	Pac. S. S. Co...b3. 41⅜	100	do.....79⅜
100	do.....42	100	do.....79¼
3.0	N. Y. & H. R. R. R. 91⅜	100	do.....79¾
100	do.....b. c. 91⅜	100	H. & St. J. R. R. Pf. 90¼
300	Erie R. R.....22	300	do.....90¾
		200	do.....90¾
		300	C., C. & I. C. R. R. 17⅞

MONDAY, Jan. 16, P. M.

Gold and Bills on London are both weaker today by ¼@¼ ℔ cent. than at the close of last week, partly on the upward movement of Cotton in Liverpool, which, if maintained, will, of course, afford an increased supply of Exchange. The Cable quotations for United States 5-20s are also firm.

The sales of Gold through the day were at 110⅛@110¼ ℔ cent. The Gold for Cash delivery is abundant, and 7 ℔ cent. interest was paid to carry over balances. The sales of Bills on London were at 109⅝@109 3-16ths ℔ cent. net for first-class Bankers'.

The rate for Money to the Brokers was full 7 ℔ cent. on call, with a commission, in some instances, to carry Stocks over the "lock-up" of Bank balances to which several large operators in the Street have again resorted, as an experiment, in the way of a dash, against the Railway market. They have timed their present raid by the circumstance that several millions have been called from the Street by the Broadway and Tenth National Banks to pay off certain City indebtedness on Revenue Bonds. This Money will in due course soon return for active employment in the market, but the intervening period of two or three days, short as it may sound, is all sufficient for a sharp "lock-up," and it has certainly been availed of in the present instance. The parties engaged in it have put some of the smaller Brokers to inconvenience today, and will probably make another turn of the screw to-morrow, but they have forced fewer Stocks on sale than might have been expected, and have won no laurels for their own credit or sagacity.

The Stock Exchange, on a diminished movement, was lower through the day in nearly all departments, from ¼@½ ℔ cent. on the Public Funds, to ¼@1 ℔ cent. on the leading Railways. Among the Western Roads there was another exceptional depression in the Common and Preferred Stock of the Hannibal & St. Joseph. The sales of the former were ran down to 77, and of the Preferred to 88¼ ℔ cent., from which there was a reaction of 2¼@3 ℔ cent. in both Stocks. There was also a weak feeling in Reading, but the decline not important. The Southern State Bonds were barely steady, all, if anything, a fraction weaker, except Missouris, which sold at 90 ℔ cent.

After the late Boards, the following quotations were made as compared with Saturday night. The Gold market left off steady. The Customs demand for Gold today amounted to $627,000. The Railways continued unsettled to the close of dealings in the Long Room:

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—JAN. 16.

	Saturday.	Monday.
United States 10-40s	107⅝	107¾
United States 5-20s of 1862	109½	109⅝
United States 5-20s of 1867	108⅛	108
American Gold	110⅝	110⅜
Bills on London, 60 days	109¼	109⅜
New Bonds of Tennessee	63½	63
New-York Central and Hudson	92⅛	91⅜
N. Y. C. & H. Debt Certificates	88¼	87⅜
Reading Railroad	98	97⅝
Chicago and Rock Island	105⅝	105
North-west Common	71⅜	71¼
North-west Preferred	82¾	82¼
Pacific Mail Company	41½	41⅜
St. Paul Preferred	72⅜	72¼
St. Paul Common	51⅜	50⅞
Lake Shore	*89½	*88½
Ohio and Mississippi	30⅞	30½
Toledo and Wabash	50½	49⅞
Western Telegraph	46½	46¼
Erie	21⅞	21⅝
St. Joseph Common	84	81¾

*Ex dividend.

UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1871.	
Gold receipts	$731,167 50
Gold payments	1,030,771 17
Gold balance	61,074,346 30
Currency receipts	212,041 28
Currency payments	667,452 62
Currency balance	9,890,130 92
Customs	627,000 00

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States:

6 ℔ cent. reg., 1881	110¾	5-20 coupon, 1867	108
6 ℔ cent. coup., 1881

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NEW-YORK, TUESDAY, JAN. 17, 1871.

Amusements this Evening.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-st., corner 6th-av.
LOVE AND INTRIGUE. Leading characters by Messrs. Lawrence Barrett, Sheridan, Fenno, Miss Selden and Miss Pateman.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.
24th-st., near Broadway.
SARATOGA. Leading characters by Messrs. Harkins, Lewis, Davidge, Miss Fanny Davenport and Miss Fanny Morant.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, near Houston-st.
WEE WILLIE WINKIE. Characters by Messrs. G. L. Fox, Honeywood, Atkins, Miss Fanny Beane, Miss Rogers, Miss Yeamans, and others.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, near Prince-st.
THE BLACK CROOK. Leading characters by Messrs. Morton, Rogers, Hamilton, and Miss Pauline Markham.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
FAINT HEART NEVER WON FAIR LADY and USED UP. Leading characters by Messrs. Lester Wallack, Lanagan, Miss Effie Germon and Mrs. Barry.

LINA EDWIN'S THEATRE.
Broadway, near Washington-place.
MAZEPPA and HIS LAST LEGS. Leading characters by Mr. Frank Drew.

STADT THEATRE.
Bowery, near Canal-st.
ROMEO AND JULIET. Leading character by Mme. Seebach.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.
Broadway, corner 30th-st.
DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE. Afternoon and evening. Large collection of curiosities on exhibition.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.
14th-st., between 3d and 3d avs.
GRAND EQUESTRIAN and GYMNASTIC PERFORMANCES.

STEINWAY HALL.
14th-st., near 4th-av.
VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT. Artists: Anna Bishop, Messrs. W. Candidus, J. S. Thomas, Harry Sanderson, and others.

ACADEMY OF DESIGN.
23d-st., corner 4th-av.
EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS AND STATUARY.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE WAR.

Paris advices of the 10th represent the bombardment to be very destructive between the Hotel des Invalides and the Odeon. Hospitals, ambulances, schools, the public libraries, the Churches of St. Sulpice, the Sorbonne and Val de Grâce have been struck, and in some instances women and children killed in their beds. The works of art in the Luxembourg and the Museum are said to have been destroyed. Paris has become a battle-field. The garrison of Paris on the 13th made vigorous sorties in three directions, toward Le Bourget and Drancy, on the north-east; toward Meudon, on the south-west, and Clamart, on the south. The fighting is reported by the Germans to have been spirited in all cases, but the French were repulsed at all points, retreating hastily within their works, some in great disorder. Dispatches from London say the shells fall in Paris, in the St. Sulpice quarter, on the 14th, once a minute. The forts, however, are represented to reply vigorously, inflicting serious damage upon the Prussian fortifications, which explains the slacking of their fire. Versailles telegrams of the 14th report the fire of Forts Issy and Vanvres as entirely checked. German accounts represent the army of DE CHAUZY broken up and disorganized. A London telegram says his army has been reorganized, and is about to resume operations. He is in a strong position. The Prussians at Glans have been dislodged and are retiring toward Montargis, says a Bordeaux telegram. The Germans in the East have been heavily reinforced from the north, and severe fighting was reported on the 13th, in the Department of Haute-Saône, continuing into the night. The Prussians are reported to be outflanking Gen. FAIDHERBE. The French reports are almost the reverse. Longwy is threatened with bombardment, and the women and children are flying into Belgium.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

The steam-ship *City of Brooklyn* has arrived at Queenstown under sail. The weather in England has been tempestuous and much damage done to shipping. A German paper says that if the question of peace between France and Germany arises in the London Conference, Germany shall insist on the cession of Alsace and Lorraine. The presence of JULES FAVRE at the Conference is still doubtful, and in view of this the Turkish representative reserves the right to sign the protocol. Prince ALEXANDER KARAGEORGEWITCH, of Servia, has been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for complicity in the murder of Prince MICHAEL. VICTOR EMMANUEL has given a banquet in honor of Gen. SHERIDAN.

SOUTH AMERICA.

Advices from Montevideo to the 27th of November have been received. The siege of that city still continued, but relief was looked for from the army of Gen. JUAREZ. The advantage thus far seems to be on the side of BLANCO and his besieging rebels. A conspiracy to assassinate President BATTLE and other members of the Government had been discovered and thwarted. Recruiting for the Colorado Government was going on at Buenos Ayres....In the Argentine Republic Gen. LOPEZ JORDAN had defeated the army of the National Government, and seemed to be gaining the upper hand....In Paraguay the Convention engaged on the new Constitution had nearly completed its work. President RIVAROLA had gone on an expedition against the Indians, who had recently killed several citizens. The Ministers from Brazil and Uruguay had not arrived at Asuncion to conclude the treaty of peace, but were daily expected.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, bills were favorably reported upon for increasing existing pensions, and granting pensions to widows of soldiers of the war of 1812. Among the new bills introduced was one proposing to aid in the construction of twenty or more steam-ships and other appliances of an American Mail and Ocean Transportation Company, to be incorporated under this act. The bill to expedite the survey of private land claims was passed. The House bill for the removal of political disabilities in several individual cases came up, and debate ensued on the amendment of Mr. TRUMBULL to extend the relief to all persons under disability with certain exceptions. No action was taken on the bill or amendment. The bill ceding to the State of Ohio jurisdiction over the property of soldiers' asylums in that State, came up as the regular order, and a two hours' discussion ensued thereon. Mr. SHERMAN claimed that the bill was made necessary by the decision of the Supreme Court disfranchising the inmates of the Asylum at Dayton as non-residents. Mr. THURMAN opposed the bill as unconstitutional, and believed the inmates of the Asylum had no right to vote as citizens of the State. The matter was left undisposed of at the time of adjournment.

In the House, a memorial was presented on behalf of HUGH J. HASTINGS against the proposed investigation of charges made by him against Mr. BROOKS. He denied having made the affidavit read some days ago, and claimed that the matter was not a proper one for investigation by a committee of the House. After some discussion, during which Mr. BROOKS repeated his charges against Mr. HASTINGS, the memorial was referred to the Select Committee of Investigation. Among the new bills introduced, was one authorizing the appointment of a commission to ascertain the damage done by the *Alabama* and other rebel cruisers, and one prescribing the mode of holding elections for President, Vice-President, and members of Congress. Four members from Georgia appeared and were sworn in. Leave was given to introduce the bill relating to an air-line railroad from New-York to Washington, and the bill was introduced. Mr. BANKS moved a suspension of the rules, and the recision of the resolution in favor of referring measures on ocean telegraphs to a special committee. This led to a warm debate, after which the motion was lost for want of a two-thirds vote in its favor. Mr. BANKS then asked and obtained suspension of the rules, in order to introduce a bill on ocean telegraphs, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The bill was introduced and passed under the operation of the previous question, without debate. It gives the conditions to which all ocean telegraph lines shall be subject, viz.: The Government of the United States shall have equal privileges and control with other nations; citizens of the United States shall have the same privileges as the most favored; Government dispatches shall have precedence; lines shall be kept open daily, and dispatches forwarded in the order received, and a written acceptance of these conditions shall be given.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate last night the annual report of the New Capitol Commissioners for 1870 was received with a communication stating that the information asked in the resolution would be found there. Bills were introduced relating to lands sold for unpaid taxes; also relating to a stenographic reporter for the Courts of the Sixth Judicial District. After several bills in Committee the Senate adjourned. In the Assembly the Senate resolution directing the Controller to pay for stone-cutting for the new Capitol Building was unanimously adopted. Several bills were introduced and the House adjourned.

GENERAL.

A circular from the Internal Revenue Bureau, issued yesterday, reorganizes the office, dividing it into four divisions: of Law, Correspondence, Statistics, and matters not otherwise provided for; Accounts, Distilled Spirits, Merchandise in Bond, &c.

Col. STEWART, Manager of the Sailors' Home in San Francisco, eloped with another man's wife, taking with him $20,000 of the funds of the sailors.

Another match between DION and DEERY has been agreed upon in San Francisco. DION has challenged PARKER, the vanquisher of RUDOLPH, in the recent match in Buffalo.

The President, yesterday, complied with Mr. SUMNER's resolution calling for information respecting Dominica. In addition to the letter of the Secretary of State, are copies of all the papers and correspondence relating to the proposed annexation or purchase.

C. E. CAMPBELL, an old resident of Oroville, Cal., was murdered and thrown into a mining shaft on the 14th inst. He had been stabbed to the heart.

The attempted revolution in the North-western States of Mexico by PLACIDO VEGA has entirely failed, and VEGA is now hiding in the mountains of Sinaloa, endeavoring to escape into the United States.

A Boston telegram of yesterday says: The greatly-needed rain has continued with some interruptions since yesterday, but a heavy fall of water is required to prevent the threatened scarcity in the city. The storm extends north and east.

The Potomac River is again open to navigation at Washington, and the mail and passenger boats have resumed their trips.

The steamer *T. L. McGill*, which was burned on Shoo Fly Bar on Saturday night, was owned by Capt. D. H. SILVER, of St. Louis, and was valued at $28,000. She is insured as follows: In the Eureka, of Pittsburg, $2,500; in the Boatman's, of Pittsburg, $4,666; in the Peabody, of Wheeling, $2,000; in the Franklin, of Wheeling, $2,500; in the Enterprise, of Cincinnati, $5,000.

A Havana telegram says the previous report that the entire cargo of the *Hornet* had been captured has been confirmed. One cannon and three flags were taken from the expeditionists, and seventeen of them were killed. Four Spaniards were killed and nine were wounded.

An accident has happened to the Porto Rico cable, twenty miles from Morant Bay, Jamaica, and a steamer has been sent to repair it.

Senator WILSON was renominated by the Republican legislative caucus in Boston, yesterday, by the following vote: WILSON, 108; DAWES, 23; BOUTWELL, 11.

The Work of Congress.

To allege that the general work of Congress is unsatisfactory, is only to echo an opinion which is all but universally held. Partisanship has no connection with it. The basis on which it rests is one of fact, and it implies no censure of the present Congress which would not, with equal fairness, apply to its predecessors for several years past. Too much time is wasted upon trifles. Great questions are delayed, their consideration is fragmentary and imperfect, and the legislation relating to them usually lacks more or less thoroughness and consistency. The financial question, which ever since the close of the war has demanded attention, is still all but untouched; there is no coherent and complete policy—no definite understanding as to the course to be pursued by the Treasury, and no intelligible preparation for resuming specie payment. The fiscal question is in a shape not quite so bad, but it calls for much more careful treatment than it has received. Civil service reform, imperatively needed as it is, arouses little earnest attention. These are examples of a class of subjects, national in their scope, which Congress either does not touch at all, or touches in a manner which does not fulfill the reasonable expectations of the country. Other defects in the general course of legislation are brought to light by continual doubts and difficulties in the interpretation or application of laws. These are results of the confusion and haste which commonly mark the final stages of Congressional action. The greater part of every session is wasted in personal squabbles, and in the elaborate discussion of topics of minor significance. When the heavy work can be put off no longer, it is rushed through at a rate which makes blunders inevitable.

This condition of things is the result, in part, of the thoughtlessness and folly of Senators and Members, and in part of a system which must be checked if public interests are to be properly protected. For the personal matters which consume so much of the time of both Chambers, Senators and Representatives are directly responsible. Nothing less than a misconception of duty, or an indifference to public opinion, can explain the mistaken tolerance which permits Senators to fight their battles at the nation's expense, and suffers Members to abuse their privileges at the expense of opponents out of doors. The Schurz-Drake contest exemplifies the manner in which the Senate wastes precious time; and the rule which allows Mr. BROOKS to give a one-sided version of the controversy between the *Express* and the *Commercial Advertiser*, and to drag into a committee-room an editor whom he is afraid to face in a Court of law, is intelligible only on the supposition that members generally value as one of their privileges the power of being unjust with impunity. These evils either House may at any time correct. And they must be corrected, if Congress is to be saved from public contempt.

More difficult but not less necessary, is the introduction of comprehensive changes in the nature and conduct of Congressional business. That now includes almost everything. Really national questions are pressed out of sight by reports and bills relating to such paltry matters, that Congress should not meddle with them at all, or should provide for them in some general way. Take up the printed reports emanating from committees, or the pile of bills now before the Senate or House, and it will be found that the great bulk of them are utterly undeserving of attention in a body intrusted with the functions of national legislation. An express company loses some bonds and seeks to be reimbursed,—or a woman had a bond in a trunk which was burned,—or a widow claims relief for injuries borne by her husband,—or a man, having made a bad bargain, asks to be compensated therefor,—or another man forfeits some advantage under the Patent laws. These are specimens of the trivial subjects which in the first place occupy the time of committees, and then are solemnly discussed by Senators and Representatives, for every minute of whose time the country pays dearly. We would not have a claimant for redress unsatisfied, but surely it would not be difficult to devise methods of meeting all such cases with a readiness which Congress cannot attain to, and without a heavy expenditure of public money. The sphere of the Court of Claims might be enlarged, or a law officer might be designated to investigate the facts of each case, and report to the heads of departments, who might be empowered to act in the premises. It is bad enough that State Legislatures spend three-fourths of their time in attending to the schemes of individuals, or in transacting business that properly belongs to municipalities. But our national legislators have before them graver and larger duties, and they cannot too soon consider how they may be spared the multitude of trivial matters which take up the greater part of every session. The Governors of States press upon Legislatures the task of providing for all small and personal purposes by general legislation. The recommendation may be urged with quite as much propriety upon the wise men at Washington.

The affairs of the District of Columbia require similar treatment. The time may have been when Congress could, without injustice to other parts of the country, watch over the smallest concerns of the District. That time is past. What is now wanted is some form of government for the City of Washington which shall control all its affairs. The supervisory authority of Congress will remain to check or correct the action of any body that may be created for this purpose; but it is absurd to suppose that every little piece of local business shall be legislated for specifically by Congress. A disposition to foster incorporations, whether insurance, mining, or manufacturing, with privileges extending throughout the Union, opens the door to other temptations, and should be arrested before more evil is done in a direction that is open to flagrant abuse.

America and England.

We published in a recent number a very fair and impartial review of the questions in dispute between England and the United States, by Lord HOBART. If all Englishmen were disposed to consider the differences between the two nations in his spirit, those differences would be soon settled in a reasonable manner. Lord HOBART pays the highest tribute to the tenacity of our people in the great struggle, and to their wise and unrevengeful spirit after victory; and rightly urges that a nation which has shown itself capable of such heroic sacrifices, and such great self-restraint, must have some reasonable ground for its complaints against the action of Great Britain in the civil war, and that, at all events, we are under the profound impression (possibly a mistaken one) that we have been unjustly treated by that Power. Such a feeling on the part of such a people, he claims, deserves respectful consideration, and renders the demand for arbitration, even on the "declaration of belligerency," a reasonable one.

The *Pall Mall Gazette*, on the other hand, in a recent article, departs from its usually rational course, and represents our American feeling toward England somewhat as the London *Times* used to represent it during the war. We are therein supposed to be in a perpetually truculent state—threatening and exasperating, like a quarrelsome bully, the quiet and peaceful citizen John Bull, who will scarcely even "turn against the foot that spurns him." Such representations cannot fail to have a bad effect on the average Englishman, who is peculiarly ignorant of foreign peoples, and very sensitive on the question of his honor. If they are meant in any degree of earnestness, we need not say to our readers that they have not the smallest foundation. The *Pall Mall* writer speaks of "the ravings of Senator SUMNER, when acting in an executive capacity as member of a body which shares the treaty-making power," of "concessions" in recent treaties "intended to be humiliating," and of our "arrogant diplomacy." If this is not intended merely for "smart" writing, we submit that there is no sort of ground for referring to the incidents alluded to as evincing a spirit of hostility either in our Government or people.

The truth is, that in a free country like England or the United States, a thousand things are said which mean very little. Mr. SUMNER, if he were Secretary of State, would take a very different tone from that which he uses as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations in the Senate. Mr. GLADSTONE when addressing his constituents, or writing for the *Edinburgh Review*, is quite another person from Mr. GLADSTONE as Premier. Prominent as Mr. SUMNER's position was, there was nothing "executive" in it, and no especial weight was attached to his speech, further than the arguments warranted. Five words from President GRANT would have been worth a volume of such speeches, as showing future policy. And if the writer of the *Pall Mall* will look over the recently-published correspondence between Secretary FISH and Mr. MOTLEY, he will discover that at the very time of these "ravings," President GRANT was dissatisfied with the friend of Mr. SUMNER, about to represent this country in London, for apparently entertaining similarly violent views on the questions at issue between the two countries. And at length the President, so far from favoring "arrogant diplomacy," recalled one of the most popular Ministers of the United States, for fear that his tone was not quiet or considerate enough toward Great Britain. Nor were the "concessions" yielded by Lord CLARENDON to Mr. JOHNSON of any consequence as bearing on the question of national dignity. The reference of a dispute to arbitration can never be "humiliating" to any reasonable being, or collection of beings.

The "average Englishman," however, ought to understand, what Lord HOBART perceives, that while there is no bullying or quarrelsome spirit in this country, there is a feeling, profound and earnest, that we have been wronged by Great Britain—and wronged in the moment of our greatest need and danger. Under this feeling there is, no doubt, with the passionate masses, an intense desire for revenge. But our Government, though the most popular on earth, is, in its executive direction, the least swayed by passion. Gen. GRANT, above all, is the least likely to be overborne by any such sentiment. This sense of wrong, as Lord HOBART urges, can be removed by proper actions on the part of Great Britain; by a fair reference of all questions in dispute to arbitration, and, if they are decided against her, by a combination of two courses: the payment of an indemnity, and the declaration of principles of international law, as affecting the sending forth of cruisers from neutral ports. President GRANT very properly takes the position that money alone is not sufficient reparation for the wrong we have received. He desires an apology; but a payment of money, and a declaration of war principles for the future, would seem to be all the apology we could reasonably claim from a great nation.

The City of Death.

More than one-half of Paris on the left bank of the Seine, together with that section on the right, lying between the Bois de Boulogne and the river, or in all something like one-fourth of the entire area inclosed by the ramparts, is now within the range of the enemy's guns, and is being shelled with a steadiness and precision altogether terrible to contemplate. From their batteries on the heights between Clamart and Meudon, the Prussians have rivaled the feats of our "swamp angel," for they have sent the messengers of death and destruction clear into the Luxembourg, a full four and a half miles off, and have for four days kept up the fiery hail, in utter defiance of both the inner and outer forts of the city. On the 10th, Issy, Vanvres and Montrouge were replying with vigor; on the 14th they were silent. With characteristic Teutonic thoroughness, the Germans have worked and waited till they could do their work perfectly. One can readily understand how it should have been a work of months to collect and mount the huge weight of ordnance that is found capable of engaging four forts, of replying to the fire of the inner fortifications, and of spreading carnage and ruin among the dwellers of Vaugirard and Grenelle, and overleaping the Boulevard de Mont Parnasse, making ruder havoc than HAUSSMANN ever did with the historic monuments of the southern border of the Quartier Latin. In spite of Mont Valerien and her outworks, too, there have been sent from St. Cloud and Montretout projectiles carrying death into the homes of Auteuil and Passy, dropping sometimes into the Bois de Boulogne, and sometimes reaching close to the Invalides, or giving a rough salute to the denizens of the Ecole Militaire.

The fatal explosives fulfill their mission with a dreadful impartiality. Little children playing in the streets, women snatching a troubled slumber with their infants at their bosom, and wounded men on some of the thousand pallets of the Val de Grace, hear a hiss or a crash, then a dreadful roar, and the next moment are in eternity. The Luxembourg, with its pleasant gardens, its gorgeous Senate Chamber, and its accumulated art treasures, has been made a mark for the terrible artillery against which Montrouge and Vanvres have proved impotent. RICHELIEU's fine structure, that used to house the famous doctors of the Sorbonne, but has lately been consecrated to studies less grave than theology, the venerable fane of St. Sulpice, and the lofty dome with its shining gilt cross of the great military hospital of Val de Grace, have served also as prominent marks for the Prussian gunners. And yet, there is no sign of flinching. Paris sees some of her proudest historical monuments being leveled into dust, pictures that some of the greatest of her modern artists have painted brushed out by the shell bursting through panel or plaster; she hears the death cry of the innocent and the defenseless, and the wail of mothers weeping for the little ones for whom they would fain have died, but still with a resolution that is grand, even amid its despairing recklessness, she refuses to accept defeat, and seems prepared to bury herself in her own ashes.

France appeals to the civilized world—that looks on and wonders, hardly realizing all the horror of this stupendous tragedy—by a protest against the ordeal to which the capital has been subjected. In this struggle to the death, all the rules of civilized warfare have been repeatedly violated by both sides, and the Germans are doubtless disposed to lay the responsibility for all the wanton destruction involved in the bombardment of Paris, more upon the obstinate foe within, than upon the equal obstinacy with which they have pressed the siege from without. Paris has already done what no one would have given her credit for doing. She has developed an abstinence and a self-restraint that are truly heroic; she has harbored no divided counsels, and has promptly repressed both outrage and riot, when standing face to face with supreme danger. All that gallantry and perseverance could effect she has done, and the world will mark her resistance to the Prussian siege as one of the greatest chapters in history, as well as a new departure in national existence. That she can do more is beyond the expectation of the most sanguine of partisans. She has but to submit to the inevitable—melancholy though it be—and show a still greater degree of moral courage in accepting what she cannot avert, to complete the greatness of her record in the most terrible of all her struggles.

Mr. Seward's Visit to Japan.

The courteous reception accorded by the Mikado of Japan to Mr. SEWARD is, it may be hoped, significant of even more than a desire on the part of the native Government to cultivate friendly relations with the American people in the person of an illustrious statesman. As the first foreigner who, in the character of simple citizen, was admitted to an audience with the mysterious ruler, Mr. SEWARD has enjoyed a privilege which, commonplace enough in more Western lands, bears a special value in the "Land of the Rising Sun." His reception symbolized in the Japanese mind a definite abandonment of that policy of isolation which, maintained for centuries, has slowly yielded to the pressure of Western civilization. More than three hundred years ago the picturesque Bay of Nagasaki, its green-clad islets, and the lovely villages nestling on its shores, were the scenes of a tragedy so hideous that it would almost have seemed to invite the curse of God upon a spot adorned with natural beauties of a rare order. By decree of the then Shiogoon—the "temporal Emperor," who, until recently, exercised coequal power with the "religious Emperor," or Mikado—named TYKO SAMA, thirty thousand Christians, men, women, and children, were burned to death, or forced, at the point of the sword, to throw themselves off the rocky steepes of Pappenberg into the boiling ocean below. "The massacre of Simabarra," as the most atrocious of the many episodes in this fiendish plot is designated, rivaled in its horrors the worst ever recorded in the old murder days of medieval Europe. Upon that day Japan closed her ports to the Western world, only permitting a few Dutch traders to reside in semi-captivity upon a small peninsula, and they even upon the sole condition of once a year trampling upon a cross drawn upon the ground for that purpose. For three hundred years was the "pestiferous sect of Christians" proscribed, and the residence of Christian missionaries prohibited. The treaty of Commodore PERRY opened up this long-isolated Empire to the world. But incredible as it may appear, not only this, but all succeeding treaties, American, English, French, &c., have failed to provide for any immunity from persecution to native Christians. But a few months ago, a notification enjoining officials to report on and punish them whenever found was published by the native Government. Although foreigners enjoy perfect freedom, a Japanese is at this moment liable to summary punishment for attending a foreign place of worship.

It did not, of course, lie within the competence of this or any other Government recognizing Japan as a "Treaty Power" to insist upon its according freedom of conscience to its own subjects, but that some effort in that direction was not made seems a pity. It is sufficiently obvious, that to make the adoption of Christianity in any form a penal offense, is a violation of the conditions which can alone render intercourse between nations satisfactory. However little abstract right we may have to interfere in such a matter, that little is of a nature to justify the strongest persuasive pressure. The Japanese are by no means ignorant of the opinion entertained of their policy, in this respect, by outside nations. But no statesman has yet been found brave enough to face the traditions of the past and the hostility of the present, by proposing to remove the disabilities to which Christian converts have hitherto been condemned. In the reception accorded to Mr. SEWARD, there is, however, evidence of so daring an innovation upon long-established custom, that it leads us to regard as no longer unlikely an equally radical change in the policy pursued toward professors of Christianity. Until liberty of thought be secured to its people by law, Japan will, despite her attentions to Western visitors, remain indefinitely behind those nations with which she is so anxious to place herself on equal terms.

MINOR TOPICS.

Mr. GOODRICH's bill for repealing the "Erie Directors' act" must be heartily welcome to Gov. HOFFMAN. The Governor's friends have told us over and over again that he signed it in complete ignorance of its *purpose*. Well, he cannot pretend ignorance of its *effect*. If, therefore, his excuse for signing the bill is an honest one, he will be very glad to do all in his power to promote its repeal. His advice might have some weight with TWEED and SWEENY, and these two could do pretty much as they like with the Legislature. Now is Gov. HOFFMAN's time. JAMES FISK, Jr., is in very bad odor. JAY GOULD cannot stand him any longer. The *World*, after coming with two or three ponderous and nerveless articles to his defense, now throws him overboard. Even the companions of his leisure hours begin to loathe the man. There can, therefore, be no great risk in Gov. HOFFMAN following the example of the paper which he was lately the means of selling to Mr. SWEENY, and repudiating FISK. Amid all this disagreement among a certain class, honest men are likely to get their own.

If some rather hot fights take place occasionally in newspapers, statesmen and other public men strive to show that in the use of personalities they take the lead. The controversy between Senator WILSON and Hon. J. S. BLACK goes on in a most promising manner. In Judge BLACK's last letter he charges Senator WILSON with attacking certain persons "in a style so scandalous that vituperation is no name for it." Judge BLACK even intimates that his first impulse after reading Senator WILSON's article was to—"no matter what," as he says; he did not obey the impulse. Addressing the Senator, Mr. BLACK observes: "No doubt you did all in your power to subvert the free institutions of our revolutionary fathers, and to debauch the political morals of the country; but the utmost exertion of your abilities has not sufficed to raise you above the common file of partisans who have engaged in the same evil work." Judge BLACK has a very fine style of invective peculiarly his own, and his article in the new number of the *Galaxy*, though very long, will not be pronounced dull by any reader. As to its views, we leave them for subsequent consideration.

It does not seem desirable to mix up the National Government with the canals of this State as proposed by Mr. BENNETT in the bill reported from the House Committee on Commerce. The enlargement of the Erie and Oswego Canals is the purpose to which Mr. BENNETT would apply eight millions of dollars, to be raised by an issue of bonds; and one of the pretexts is, "the better protection of the northern and north-western frontier." Our canals are open to much improvement, but there is nothing in their management, bad as it is, to call for Federal interference. They may be made quite equal to the demands of commerce without any help from the National Treasury,—if we can but get rid of Democratic misrule. Such war vessels as may be required on the lakes may be profitably built there, and there is no difficulty in transporting all requisite munitions of war. Congress may save these eight millions.

We hope that the opponents of the San Domingo project are now ashamed of their attacks upon the President. The composition of the Commission of Inquiry, and the facilities afforded for an impartial investigation upon the spot, are the best possible vindication of Gen. GRANT's motives, and of his faith in the policy he has so strenuously urged. The gentlemen engaged may not all return advocates of annexation, but we are confident they will return prepared to bear testimony to the integrity of the course pursued by the Administration. The more thorough their inquiry, the more satisfactory it will be. Time is of less importance in a matter like this than the acquisition of all the facts that are essential to the formation of sound conclusions. We may here state, for the information of our readers, that we have made full and ample arrangements for receiving correspondence describing the progress of the expedition. Nothing of interest relating to the journey will be lost sight of.

The new Court-house job, which is one of the great scandals of this City, will probably have a counterpart in the new Capitol at Albany. Gov. HOFFMAN's Message gave us a faint warning upon the subject,—so faint that his friends in the Legislature do not heed it in the slightest degree. The original estimate for the whole work was four million dollars, but the Governor acknowledges that the ultimate cost "will be very greatly in excess of the first estimate." Our correspondent reports that the prevalent impression at Albany is, that the expenditure, if the present plans are adhered to, will reach twenty million dollars, or five times the sum contemplated in the first instance. Of course, the Albanians will not object, and the Democrats are not unwilling to gratify them. The State Treasury, however, is in no condition to endure the drain. Two millions, two hundred and fifty-one thousand, three hundred and fifteen dollars have already been expended, and the work barely peeps above ground. This is not all. According to the Controller, the money already paid to the contractors was borrowed, and there is at present not a dollar in the Treasury. We hope the Republicans will resist any further appropriation until the plans are so changed as greatly to cheapen the cost of the building.

The directors of the Third-avenue Railroad Company are desirous of adopting an idea suggested by the palace-cars, which now lessen the discomfort of traveling long distances on ordinary railroads. They propose to run palace-cars from the City Hall to Harlem, and have applied to the Legislature for the requisite authority to impose an increased charge for the comfort to be furnished. The present horse-cars are little better than a necessary nuisance. They are overcrowded, dirty, and in many respects objectionable. The introduction of a car which shall receive no more passengers than can conveniently be seated, and which shall afford safe ingress and egress, would be a boon to thousands of persons. The main point to be guarded against is the sacrifice of the passengers by five-cent cars to the passengers paying a higher fare. It is the duty of the Legislature to provide against the abuse of the privilege sought, so far as the present cars are concerned. The five-cent travelers must be protected in the accommodation, such as it is, which is now afforded them.

Whatever may be said about the merits of Mr. WOOD's General Cable bill reported from the Committee of Foreign Affairs in the House yesterday, it is impossible to find anything to say in favor of the mode of its passage. The prospect of that measure being passed by the Senate, or being viewed with much respect by the public at large, will certainly not be improved by the extraordinary style of its approval by the House. Important for purposes of legislative preparation as is the institution of standing committees, it was hardly contemplated that they should involve the slightest danger of members accepting their recommendations without either discussing or understanding them. Students of the analogies of human character may be charmed with the discovery that at 4½ o'clock on the 16th of January, honorable members of both parties in the House behaved exactly like a crowd of unruly schoolboys eager to get out to dinner, but their constituents generally may have a natural desire to see them in hours devoted to public business a trifle less exuberant.

The German demand for Alsace and Lorraine has been persistent enough to convince people generally that they were determined to fight till the lost provinces were either formally ceded or till they made France weak enough to avert any immediate risk of their being regained. In order, however, that the fact may be established beyond dispute, the semi-official *Cross Gazette* comes out with a frank declaration to the same effect. On this basis, Prussia is evidently prepared to discuss the question of peace at the coming Conference, though how that, or any other of the questions more immediately proposed to this body can be conclusively settled in the absence of a representative of France, it is not a little difficult to determine.

A Romance in Little.

In the obituary column of this paper, on Sunday morning last, occurred the following announcement:

LAURIE.—On Wednesday, Dec. 28, at his residence, St. James'-place, London, JOHN LAURIE, in the 86th year of his age, for many years a merchant of this City.

There is nothing unusual in this announcement; but, in connection with it, there is something that borders upon romance. For fifty years Mr. JOHN LAURIE and an elder brother were shipping merchants in this City—solid merchants of the olden time. After accumulating an ample fortune they retired, and, in 1850, returned to the Old Country. There, in London, Mr. JOHN LAURIE has led the comfortable life of an opulent bachelor, occupying spacious lodgings, and dining, as well as passing most of his time, at the club, near by; a gentleman of modest tastes, enjoying probably all that were to him the comforts of life on five or six thousand dollars a year. His brother, quite rich, had died shortly before, at the ripe age of eighty-seven. Other branches of the family were in easy circumstances.

Mr. JOHN LAURIE had known from boyhood, and kept constantly in mind, a gentleman of this City, now in the prime of manhood, the son of old and dearly-cherished friends. He had conceived for the son of these friends an ardent attachment, which increased and ripened as years rolled on and lent their mellowing influence; and which was all the more consolatory to him in that his protégé was everything that could be desired—a man of cultivated mind, of irreproachable morals, of refined tastes, manly in bearing, yet proverbially modest and courteous. Possessing a modest competence, he, too, a bachelor, lived in lodgings and at the Union Club. Twice within a few years he had visited England, where he was cordially received and entertained by the friends of his parents—the last voyage having been made in the successful yacht *Sappho*, belonging to his cousin, Mr. DOUGLASS.

During all these twenty years that Mr. LAURIE had resided in London, his first inquiry when meeting recently-arrived Americans, was for his protégé. From all, as SHAKESPEARE saith, he heard "good exclamation." Soon after Mr. K. returned home last Summer, the old gentleman wrote him a kindly letter, inclosing a handsome present of money, intimating that in his will he had made to him a bequest, but giving no indication of the amount. Mr. K. thinking it might perhaps be $5,000 or $10,000, dismissed the matter from his memory. But judge of his astonishment at receiving, on Saturday last, from Mr. LAURIE's legal advisers, a letter with the necessary fullness of detail, informing him that in his will Mr. LAURIE had bequeathed to him in solid interest-paying securities, the sum of $500,000. The name of this gentleman, so deservedly fortunate, is J. GRENVILLE KANE, Esq., formerly Secretary of the Union Club, and one of its most highly-esteemed members.

Apropos of this, an incident somewhat similar occurred two or three years ago to another middle-aged, wealthy bachelor member of the Union Club—Mr. JOHN C. WHITE. A relative of his, Mr. BANYER, having a strong regard for him, bequeathed to Mr. WHITE the sum of $500,000 on condition that he should assume the name of BANYER. Mr. WHITE for some time hesitated about accepting the bequest, but finally concluded to do so, and, stepping down to the Court of Common Pleas, made the necessary formal application to Judge DALY, who, with the easy grace so characteristic of him, erased the name of JOHN C. WHITE from legal existence, and brought into the body politic that of GOLDSBOROUGH BANYER.

Moral: Let all young men members of clubs be good, and they, too, may find kindly old gentlemen going about with half millions in their pockets, seeking for worthy youngsters upon whom to bestow it.

A Reminiscence.

"Hon. GEORGE ROBERTSON, Chief-Justice of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky, is thought to be the oldest living Ex-Congressman. He entered Congress in 1815, and is now in his eighty-first year."

Ex-Gov. ENOS T. THROOP took his seat in Congress, as a Representative from the Cayuga District, in 1815, and was, therefore, a colleague of Chief-Justice ROBERTSON, of Kentucky. Gov. THROOP, now in his eighty-sixth year, and in the enjoyment of tolerable health, with mental faculties unimpaired, is now a resident of this City. During his first session in Congress he incurred the displeasure of his constituents by voting to change the pay of members of Congress from $8 a day, while in session, to $1,500 a year. The popular sentiment against that vote became so strong that Mr. THROOP resigned his seat, and remained nearly ten years in retirement, emerging in 1823 as a Circuit Judge, the duties of which he discharged with acknowledged ability and fidelity.

But a great change has "come over the spirit" of that constituency. There is now no such vigilance or watchfulness over the conduct of Representatives. The sentinels who were prompt in sounding alarms then, sleep now; and the people have become insensible or indifferent to the misconduct of public servants.

Novel Case—Alleged Breach of Contract with a Cuban Slave.

In the case of MORALES *vs.* MORALES, in which a colored woman sues the son of the Marquis of MORALES for breach of contract, Justice LAWRENCE, at the Civil Court, corner of Fourth-avenue and Nineteenth-street, delivered judgment yesterday. He said: The plaintiff alleges that defendant made a contract with her to come from Havana to this City, and nurse his infant child as long as it required it at $40 a month and her board, and other allowances. The answer alleges that plaintiff was a slave and liberated by her owner, together with her child, on consideration of her coming to New-York to nurse his child, and it sets up a general denial; denies that any contract was made, except her manumission, and denies that she rendered any services, having been dismissed here for negligence. I must take it for granted that a contract of some kind was made. There is now an application to me for a commission to examine the Marquis and other parties in Havana. I know the laws of Havana are favorable to the slave, and if they authorize a contract with a slave, the *lex loci* must control, and under the general denial in the answer many things will be proved which I cannot receive. Whatever the Spanish laws may be, this is a novel case, and under the circumstances I should be wrong in refusing this commission. On its return I shall have all the facts before me. I decide that the commission must be allowed.

A Movement for Temperance.

The following ware adopted, yesterday, by the New-York Pastors' Association, (Presbyterian,) at the weekly meeting:

Whereas, Intemperance induces insanity, increases crime, produces pauperism, and is the source of sickness, sins and sorrows innumerable; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly entreat and respectfully request all preachers and publishers to so presents to the people the Christian duty of temperance in the fourth week in June and the fourth week in December as to aid in checking the social usages which lead to the desecration of the Fourth of July and New-Year's Day. And we hereby petition Congress, in behalf of the District of Columbia and the Territories under its jurisdiction, and the several State Legislatures in behalf of their several States, to enact suitable laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sundays, election days, the Fourth of July, and all other holidays.

Blank petitions can be had free of charge

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

REAPPEARANCE OF MR. WALLACK.

Midwinter with its frosts and piercing winds has its consolations, and one of the best and most cheering of these is the sight upon his own stage of our favorite light comedian. When Mr. WALLACK vaulted before the footlights last evening, as *Ruy Gomes*, there was quite a thrill of pleasure among the audience. That audience was radiant with beauty and color, was pre-eminently a "family" house, and the fresh merriment of youth, and the slower cadence of mature laughter, mingled through the plays with jocund harmony. Winter can be forgotten in such a scene, or at least we can be made to think of its brevity rather than its pains. The sunny pictures and buthesome action thus revealed, remind us that no ice or sleet, or roaring storm can keep back the brighter days to come. We know full well that

"Soon will the high Midsummer pomps come on,
Soon will the musk carnations break and swell,
* * * * * *
And grouns under the dreaming garden trees,
And the full moon and the white evening star."

Even so after "War," with its sharp suggestion of gloomy reality, comes Mr. WALLACK in two of the most gossamer-like and inspiriting of his impersonations, to remind us that joy follows sorrow as day the night or season season, and that we have only need of patience to tide over the very worst of human ills or deprivations.

The bill of last evening looks slight in texture, yet it was adroitly chosen to exhibit Mr. WALLACK'S versatile powers. *Ruy Gomes* and *Sir Charles Coldstream*, unlike as fire and ice, akin only in common youth and in both being in love, can only be played equally well by an actor of consummate ability. The one is impassioned to the very point of delirium, and, rustling in his velvet and silk, with his feathers and long sword, his pointed collar, and rattling spurs, might have stepped from the canvas of VELASQUEZ, or any other relic of mediæval ages. The other, *blasé*, cynical, the most modern of the moderns, the incarnation of the twin demons of skepticism and indifference, would probably have been as incomprehensible to *Ruy Gomes* as *Ruy Gomes* to him. Mr. WALLACK discriminates with exquisite tact these two opposite figures, and yet unvails to us in felicitous glimpses their common humanity. *Ruy Gomes* falls in love with a woman vastly his superior in the social scale. We almost think he might as well have fixed his affections on some "bright, particular star," the *Duchess* is so "above him in her bright radiance and collateral sphere." The hero of "Used Up," on the contrary, becomes enamoured of a poor girl as much below *Sir Charles* as the *Duchess* is above *Ruy Gomes*. In these and other ways the antithesis is agreeably carried out, and so gives point and variety to a selection which at the first glance may not be thoroughly understood.

Both these little dramas are in plot as frail and dainty as a spider's web; yet each serves to illustrate a distinct principle. The title of one is its own best explanation. The motive of the other is more complex, yet no less instructive. It inculcates the fact that beneath the superficial lacquer of the veriest coxcomb there may be a substratum of pure manliness ready for and equal upon occasion to noble deeds. Both plays were nicely acted last night. Apart from Mr. WALLACK, we cannot well go further in praise than this. Mrs. BARRY has plenty of beauty and spirit for the *Duchess de Torrenueva*. She is, however, lacking in elegance and dignity. Miss EFFIE GERMON has, in like manner, abundance of nonebalance and gayety for *King Charles;* but she needs rather more dash. Her *Mary*, in the second piece, is a far better piece of acting. Mr. FISHER is capital in *Ironbrace*; and special mention of other characters is uncalled for. The dramas were put on the stage with a finished care very pleasant to see; the costumes and scenery being highly picturesque, and, we believe, strictly correct. The performance drew forth profuse applause and several calls before the curtain, and the hero of the night was, at the close, heartily cheered.

At the end of "Faint Heart," Mr. WALLACK being summoned by acclamation before the curtain, made a few graceful and pertinent remarks. After thanking the audience for the new proof of their favor, just bestowed, he took occasion to refer to the approaching Holland testimonial. The allusion was received with tumultuous and long-continued plaudits, which showed very plainly the feeling of the public with regard to this interesting demonstration.

Mr. WALLACK'S return was all, in a word, that his most cordial friends could desire. His greeting was not demonstrative only, but even affectionate. It is plain that an artist does not work so faithfully and so well as Mr. WALLACK to elevate the stage, both as actor and manager, without having his reward. The sweets of popular approbation are his, and much, we are glad to say, which is called more substantial, besides. In this there is room for broad congratulation, since credit is due both to the public and the man. Each needed the other; and it is one of the most charming things in life to see a well-deserved reciprocal appreciation.

NOVELTY AT LINA EDWIN'S.

Mr. FRANK DREW is now filling an engagement at Lina Edwin's Theatre. He appeared last evening in "His Last Legs" and in the burletta of "Mazeppa," and he diffused a great deal of merriment among a rather small audience. Mr. DREW did so, too, without having recourse to the commonplace and violent methods upon which the effect of the performance of many male burlesque actors largely depend. He has a full appreciation of humor, an expressive face, and an ease and naturalness savoring more of the French vaudeville player than of the English low comedian. We shall, therefore, be glad to behold him under more favorable influences than those of a thin extravaganza, and of a comedietta demanding broader acting, not to speak of a richer brogue, than were shown by him last night. The performance, however, afforded much amusement, and the absence of effort which characterized Mr. DREW'S share of it increased notably its pleasantness. The same bill is to be interpreted for the present.

Musical.

MISS KELLOGG IN ORATORIO.

The young American prima donna CLARA LOUISE KELLOGG, has been winning new triumphs, and in a new field. Hitherto she has limited herself to opera and concert, but within the last three weeks she has added oratorio to her professional range. On the 24th of December Miss KELLOGG made her debut in this department of sacred music in the "Messiah," at Cincinnati. All accounts agree that her success was complete, and that the brilliant talents and cultivation of the popular songstress are now secured for this neglected but noble department of art. We gather from many intelligent criticisms of her performance, that it was distinguished for breadth, sincerity, and chasteness of style, all of which are distinct from the force, vivacity and brilliancy of the operatic school in which Miss KELLOGG has hitherto shone with such distinction. In this we have another evidence of the versatility of the lady's genius, which seems to comprehend and adapt itself to all musical forms. This new success is also a fresh proof, if any were needed, of Miss KELLOGG'S indefatigable spirit, which carries her unceasingly on from one walk of art to another, and is, we may add, in marked contrast to that modern *dilettanti* taste which is content to excel in a specialty, and rest there forever. Miss KELLOGG is to appear before a Metropolitan audience, at the Academy of Music, on Thursday next, in oratorio, when that cultivated class of patrons which has always been her support in this City will have an opportunity of estimating and applauding the perseverance and courage of the young vocalist in a new and exacting arena of art.

Miscellaneous.

BRIEF MENTION.

"Lorle" will be given at the Stadt Theatre this evening, Mme. SEEBACH filling the principal part....At Steinway Hall the concert in aid of the benevolent fund of the St. David's Society occurs this evening....The Thomas concerts in Boston have been exceedingly successful. At the Saturday matinée performance more than $2,000 was received, and in the evening the Music Hall was filled, *malgré* the adverse influence of the Fechter benefit representation. It is to be hoped that their concerts here will have as liberal encouragement.

COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

Meeting at Rutgers Institute—Addresses by Prof. Pierce, Rev. Dr. Thompson, Peter Cooper, and Others.

A meeting was held last evening at Rutgers Female Institute for the purpose of making an appeal for the endowment of the College on the same basis as that of other colleges in the State. The meeting was presided over by PETER COOPER, Esq., who briefly presented the objects of the meeting. There were present, Chancellor PAYNE, of Albany; Gen. WEBB, of the College of the City of New-York; JAMES W. BARMAN, of the Woman's Hospital, and President PIERCE, of Rutgers Institute, besides a number of other gentlemen interested in education. Prof. PIERCE, of Rutgers Institute, made an interesting statement of facts in the course of his remarks. He said that it is to be remarked that from the first settlement of the State down to within a few years, there have been no colleges for women; there are now but four—the Ingham University, Elmira College, Vassar and Rutgers Colleges. The latter has no endowment. The funds of the other three, as appears from their reports made last year to the Board of Regents, amount to a little less than $100,000. Their buildings and apparatus to a little less than $1,000,000. More than one-half of this is credited to Vassar College. To sum up the provision made for the education of men and women in our State, we find more than $16,000,000 for the education of men, and less than $1,100,000 for the education of women. Let us have higher institutions of learning for our young women—that shall attract them, interest them, train them, strengthen their intelligence, broaden their views of life, fill their minds with elevating thoughts, their hearts with pure sentiments. Institutions that instead of releasing young girls at sixteen will not receive them till that age, and that shall thus keep them out of the vortex of fashionable life and pure from the pollutions of extravagance, excitement and dissipation. As far as an unendowed college could do its work, I believe Rutgers Female College has, since it was incorporated as an institute in 1838. From the books of this institute it appears that over 5,500 young women have been educated here. And this has been done without a dollar of endowment. When it was founded the representatives of Col. HENRY RUTGERS gave to its trustees the use of three lots of land in the Seventh Ward as long as it should remain in that locality. When by the growth of the City this institution, as in the case of Columbia College, was compelled to be removed to this site, the three lots reverted to the heirs of Col. RUTGERS.

Rev. Dr. THOMPSON indorsed the proposition for a college for women in a few remarks, in which he said that it was in every way desirable that the project should succeed, and all that he could do in its favor would be done.

Mr. VANDERLYN said that the proposition was made to endow women and endow a college for that purpose. In olden times it was thought necessary to give property to the sons of families and nothing to daughters. In his own case he said that his mother was taught reading, writing and arithmetic, but there her education ended; but yet she was enabled to give him an education, and make him what he was now. He urged upon the assemblage the education of women, and said that nothing could be done so effectually for the advancement of society as by the education of women. There were colleges for men, but none for women, and it was time that the remedy was applied by endowing a college for women.

Mr. COOPER said that he did not think that a college for this purpose should be endowed with less than a million of dollars, for it was not advisable that an institution of this kind should be continually begging for money; therefore it was best that sufficient money should be obtained in the first instance, and that it should be firmly established at the outset.

Mr. BEEKMAN spoke on the question before the meeting, and referred to the early efforts for female education and hoped that this measure would be successfully carried out.

President WEBB, of the College of the City of New-York, spoke to the subject, and urged the most vigorous measures for the raising of such sums as were needed, promising to do all in his power to further the object. After addresses by other gentlemen present, a committee was appointed to carry out the desires of the organization, and the meeting adjourned.

A Tammany Republican Rewarded—Present to Police Commissioner Smith.

A magnificent double service of silver plate, comprising 320 pieces, of the aggregate value of about $10,000, was presented to Police Commissioner HENRY SMITH, last evening, on behalf of 200 of his political sympathizers. The presentation ceremony took place at the St. Nicholas Hotel, the silver being on exhibition in a large showcase in the main parlor of the hotel. The Bloomson, Lincoln and Americus Clubs were largely represented on the occasion, Mr. SMITH being a member of all three organizations.

The great majority of the subscribers and guests present were Tammany Democrats, prominent among whom were Mayor Hall, State Senator THOMAS NORTON, Senator Thomas J. Creamer, Thomas J. Mulally, Police Justice Cox, Sheriff Matthew T. Brennan, Ex-Alderman George Mitchell, John Chamberlain, Charles Hall, Secretary of the Americus Club, Hon. James S. Bosworth, Assistant District-Attorney Fellows, Ex-Alderman Barker, Police Superintendent Kelso, Surrogate Hutchings and Hon. Thomas J. Barr. There were also present Messrs. Rufus W. Andrews, Daniel D. Conover, John A. Gridley, Owen W. Brennan, Benj. F. Manierre, J. Solas Ritterband, Waldo Hutchins, Chauncey M. Depew, Sinclair Tousey and Isaac J. Oliver. Mr. DEPEW made the presentation address, which was briefly responded to by the recipient of the testimonial. Mr. SMITH said that he was assured that among the subscribers to this testimonial were many gentlemen who were not identified with either of the political parties of the State, while there were others who were of the party to which he was opposed. He said that it was pleasant for him to know that amid the competition which is natural to business in the City, and the bitterness which sometimes characterizes our political campaigns, his personal friendships had remained the same. This fact gave additional value to the beautiful testimonial.

At the close of the presentation ceremony a grand banquet was enjoyed, at which Mr. WALDO HUTCHINS presided. Remarks were made by Mayor HALL, Gen. COCHRANE, Rufus F. ANDREWS and others. It was a noticeable fact that complimentary allusions to the Democratic Party and its leaders were received with warm and vociferous applause, and that the toast to the Governor of New-York was more heartily cheered than the toast to the President of the United States. Letters were received from Hons. D. C. LITTLEJOHN and WM. ORTON, regretting their absence.

The Jersey City Water Famine Ended.

Yesterday the residents of Jersey City had their full supply of water from the works at Belleville, for the first time in nine days. The pump commenced working at about 3 o'clock yesterday morning.

During the day the workmen were engaged in taking down the shears and pulleys, and in getting it once be attached to the pipe to steady it in position—a precaution which, if it had been applied before the accident, would have saved many thousands of dollars, as well as great inconvenience. It is also proposed to inclose the entire pipe in solid masonry, and thus prevent the possibility of accident in the future.

Taxes Collected for 1870.

We are indebted to Mr. ALFRED VREDENBURGH, the First Clerk to the Receiver of Taxes, for the following statement of taxes collected during the year 1870:

Amount collected		$20,682,212 65
Interest on taxes, amount collected	$61,660 78	
Discounts allowed	73,253 89—	11,593 11
Balance		$20,670,619 54
Amounts refunded for payments in error	$2,761 14	
Deposits with County Treasurer	20,667,858 40—	$20,670,619 54

The Alleged Child Murderer.

Yesterday afternoon DABO DEEKMAN, the woman charged with having caused the death of her child by cruelty and starvation, was taken to the Queens County Court-house. She denies the charge. She says that she was often in straightened circumstances and unable to furnish suitable food; that the child was troubled with worms and always hungry; that she has had various quarrels with the witnesses and their testimony is malicious. She is about forty years of age, of slight figure, with very careworn features.

Important Sale of Paintings.

The splendid collection of foreign paintings which Mr. H. W. DERBY has for some weeks been exhibiting at the Academy of Design, is advertised for sale in another portion of these columns. They remain where they are at present until the 18th, when they will be removed to the spacious sales-room of Messrs. LEAVITT, STREBEIGH & Co., and there placed on free exhibition until the days of sale—the 24th and 25th of this month. Never before was so large and really valuable a collection of the works of nearly all the leading modern painters of Europe simultaneously placed within reach of art purchasers, and it may therefore be expected to produce an unprecedentedly great sensation. To add to the attraction, it is, we understand, Mr. DERBY'S intention to join to the collection at the sales-rooms two more paintings that have not been at the Academy—one a very fine KAULBACH, and the other the "Birth of Venus," by CABANEL; the latter considered by all judges not only a *chef d'œuvre* of this great artist, but one of the grandest specimens of art ever seen in this country.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

Mr. Lincoln and Three Friends in Council—A Chapter from the Autobiography of Thurlow Weed.

From the Galaxy, for February.

Immediately after the nomination of Mr. LINCOLN for President, at Chicago, in the Summer of 1860, while annoyed and dejected at the defeat of Gov. SEWARD, as I was preparing to shake the dust of the city from my feet, Messrs. DAVID DAVIS (now a Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States) and LEONARD SWEAT called at my room. These gentlemen, warm friends and zealous supporters of Mr. LINCOLN, had contributed more than all others to his nomination. After his name was presented as a candidate for President and received with favor by the citizens of Illinois, Messrs. DAVIS and SWEAT visited Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, for the purpose of commending Mr. LINCOLN to the favorable consideration of prominent men in those States. They now called to converse with me about the approaching canvass. I informed them very frankly that I was so greatly disappointed at the result of the action of the Convention as to be unable to think or talk on the subject; that I was going to pass a few days upon the prairies of Iowa; and that by the time I reached Albany I should be prepared to do my duty for the Republican cause and for its nominees. They then urged me to return home via Springfield, where we could talk over the canvass with Mr. LINCOLN, saying that they would either join me at Bloomington, where they resided, or meet me at Springfield.

After passing with a few friends a pleasant week in traveling through Iowa, I repaired to Springfield. There I found Messrs. DAVIS and SWEAT with Mr. LINCOLN. I had supposed until we now met that I had never seen Mr. LINCOLN, having forgotten that in the Fall of 1848, when he took the stump in New-England, he called upon me at Albany, and that we went to see Mr. FILLMORE, who was then the Whig candidate for Vice-President. We were conversing quietly upon the question which deeply concerned the welfare of the country, and which had an especial interest for Mr. LINCOLN. We discussed freely the prospects of success, assuming that all or nearly all the slave States would be against us. The issues had already been made, and could neither be changed nor modified; but there was much for consultation in regard to the manner of conducting the campaign, and in relation to States that were safe without effort, to those which required attention, and to others that were sure to be vigorously contested. Viewing these questions in their various aspects, I found Mr. LINCOLN sagacious and practical. He displayed throughout the conversation so much good sense, such intuitive knowledge of human nature, and such familiarity with the virtues and infirmities of politicians, that I became impressed very favorably with his fitness for the duties which he was not unlikely to be called upon to discharge. This conversation lasted some five hours, and when the train arrived in which we were to part, I was of the better prepared to "go to work with a will" in favor of Mr. LINCOLN'S election, as the interview had inspired me with confidence in his capacity and integrity.

In December of that year, and after the Electoral Colleges had shown a large majority for Mr. LINCOLN, I was invited to visit him at Springfield, where I again met my friends DAVIS and SWEAT. Mr. LINCOLN, although manifestly gratified with his election, foresaw and appreciated the dangers which threatened the safety both of the Government and of the Union. But while Mr. LINCOLN never underestimated the difficulties which surrounded him, his nature was so elastic and his temperament so cheerful, that he always seemed at ease and undisturbed. The day I left Albany the *Evening Journal* contained an editorial foreshadowing secession and rebellion; an editorial which had for its object to withhold the people of the border slave States in the Union, so that the boundaries and strength of the rebellion might be narrowed and weakened. It maintained that radical abolitionists were playing into the hands of disunion leaders, and that both would become responsible for the civil war into which we were drifting. It comprehended the horrors of such a conflict, and implored the Northern people to keep themselves steadily in the right, so that when the shock came impartial nations would see and say that the rebellion was without justification or excuse. That editorial drew the line between radical and conservative Republicans, and continued as an issue before the people during the war. It was written under a conviction of its necessity in preventing a disastrous division of the Northern people. I believed then, as I know now, that but for the conservative sentiment awakened in the Republican Party, the North would have been fatally divided. I believed, then, as I know now, that by insisting that the war was prosecuted to maintain the Government and preserve the Union, the Democratic masses, with some of their leaders, would remain loyal; while, on the other hand, if the whole Republican Party proclaimed it a war for the abolition of slavery, a united South would prove too strong for a divided North.

[Mr. WEED here introduces some extracts from the Albany *Evening Journal*, which our space compels us to omit.]

This article reached Springfield by the evening mail. After reading it very attentively, Mr. LINCOLN said: "This is a heavy broadside. You have opened your fire at a critical moment, rallying all friends and foes alike. It will do some good or much mischief. Will the Republicans of New-York sustain you in this view of the question?" I replied, "that I had acted upon my own sense of what was wise for our cause; that I should be denounced in most of the Republican journals; that enlightened politicians who entertained a familiar view would hesitate to express them, and that it would largely impair, if it did not wholly destroy, my influence in the Republican Party; but that, notwithstanding these consequences, I should unflinchingly persevere in the course I had marked out, with a clear and firm conviction that in doing so, aided by a small minority of Republican journals, with here and there a conservative man, we should be able to keep the North united in prosecuting a war which, in preserving the Government and Union, would overwhelm and destroy rebellion and slavery." Mr. LINCOLN replied, "that these views, views which had not occurred to him, opened a new channel for his thoughts, and that, while he should watch the progress of popular sentiment, he hoped to find my apprehensions grounded." He added, "that, while there were some loud threats and much muttering in the cotton States, he hoped that by wisdom and forbearance the danger of serious trouble might be averted, as such dangers had been in former times."

And after this subject had been talked up, and over, and out, Mr. LINCOLN remarked, smiling, "that he supposed I had made some experiment in cabinet-making; that he had a job on hand, and as he had never learned that trade, he was disposed to avail himself of the suggestions of friends." Taking up his figure, I replied, "that though never a boss cabinet-maker, I had, as a journeyman, been occasionally consulted about State Cabinets; and that although President TAYLOR once talked with me about reforming his Cabinet, I had never been concerned in or presumed to meddle with the formation of an original Federal Cabinet, and that he was the first President elect I had ever seen."

The question thus opened became the subject of conversation, at intervals, during that and the following day. For many hours were consumed in talking of the public men connected with former Administrations, interspersed, illustrated and seasoned pleasantly with Mr. LINCOLN'S stories, anecdotes, &c. And here I feel called upon to vindicate Mr. LINCOLN, so far as he my opportunities and observation go, from the frequent imputation of telling indelicate and ribald stories. I saw much of him during his whole Presidential term, with familiar friends and alone, when he talked without restraint, but I never heard him use a profane or indecent word, or tell a story that might not be repeated in the presence of ladies.

Mr. LINCOLN observed that "the making of a Cabinet, now that he had it to do, was by no means as easy as he had supposed; that he had, even before the result of the election was known, assuming the probability of success, fixed upon the two leading members of his Cabinet, but that in looking about for suitable men to fill the other departments, he had been much embarrassed, partly from his want of acquaintance with the prominent men of the day, and partly, he believed, that while the population of the country had immensely increased, really great men were scarcer than they used to be. He then inquired whether I had any suggestions of a general character affecting the selection of a Cabinet to make. I replied that, along with the question of ability, integrity and experience, he ought, in the selection of his Cabinet, to find men whose firmness and courage fitted them for the revolutionary ordeal which was about to test the strength of our Government; and that in my judgment it was desirable that at least two members of his Cabinet should be selected from slave-holding States. He inquired whether in the emergency which I so much feared they could be trusted, adding that he did not quite like to hear Southern journals and Southern speakers insisting that there must be no "coercion;" that while he had no disposition to coerce anybody, yet after he had taken an oath to execute the laws he should not care to see them violated. I remarked that there were Union men in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee, for whose loyalty, under the most trying circumstances and in any event, I would vouch. "Would you rely on such men if their States should secede?" "Yes, Sir; the men whom I have in my mind can always be relied on." "Well," said Mr. LINCOLN, "let us have the names of your white crows, such ones as you think fit for the Cabinet." I then named WILLIAM COST JOHNSON, of Maryland; JOHN M. BOTTS, of Virginia; JOHN A. GILMORE, of North Carolina, and BAILEY PEYTON, of Tennessee. As the conversation progressed, Mr. LINCOLN remarked that he intended to invite Gov. SEWARD to take the State, and Gov. CHASE the Treasury Department, remarking that, aside from their long experience in public affairs and their eminent fitness, they were prominently before the people and the Convention as competitors for the Presidency, each having higher claims than his own for the place which he was to occupy. On naming GIDEON WELLES as the gentleman he thought of as the representative of New-England in the Cabinet, I remarked that I thought he could find several New-England gentlemen whose selection for a place in his Cabinet would be more acceptable to the people of New-England. "But," said Mr. LINCOLN, "we must remember that the Republican Party is constituted of two elements, and that we must have men of Democratic as well as of Whig antecedents in the Cabinet." Acquiescing in this view, I remarked that men of Democratic antecedents were to be found in New-England whose names would strike the public more favorably than that of Mr. WELLES, prominent among whom were Govs. BANKS and BOUTWELL, of Massachusetts; and here for the time being the subject was passed over. And then Mr. LINCOLN remarked that Judge BLAIR had been suggested. I inquired, "What Judge BLAIR?" and was answered, "Judge MONTGOMERY BLAIR." "Has he been suggested by any one except his father, FRANCIS P. BLAIR, Sr.?" "Your question," said Mr. LINCOLN, "reminds me of a story;" and he proceeded with infinite humor to tell a story which I would repeat if I did not fear that its spirit and effect would be lost. "But," said Mr. LINCOLN, "to be serious, what do you think of Judge BLAIR?" I said that I had no personal acquaintance with that gentleman, but that I had been accustomed to regard him as anything but an agreeable political bed-fellow, and that I hoped he would not punish himself and others by taking a man into his Cabinet who would keep it constantly in hot water. "Then you think," said Mr. LINCOLN, "that Judge BLAIR, like farmer Tabor's brindle ox, should be unyoked in the yard?" In talking further about Mr. BLAIR, I objected to him strongly on the ground that he represented nobody, and that while Mr. LINCOLN proposed to credit him to Maryland, the Republicans of that State had no interest in him. I added that Mr. BLAIR, as a politician, resembled a bishop without a diocese, inasmuch as his political speeches were neither heard nor heard of by the people till they appeared in the Washington newspapers. I finally remarked that if we were legislating on the question, I should move to strike out the name of MONTGOMERY BLAIR, and insert that of WM. COST JOHNSON. Mr. LINCOLN laughingly replied. "DAVIS has been posting you up on this question. He came from Maryland, and has got COST JOHNSON on the brain. Maryland must, I think, be like New Hampshire, a good State to move from." "And then he told a story of a witness in a belligerent county, who, on being asked his age, replied, "Sixty." Being satisfied that he was much older, the Judge repeated the question, and on received the same answer, admonished the witness, saying that the Court knew him to be much older than sixty. "Oh," said the witness, "you're thinking about that fifteen year that I lived down to the Eastern Shore of Maryland; that was so much lost time and don't count, nohow." This story, I perceived, was thrown in to give the conversation a new direction. It was very evident that the selection of MONTGOMERY BLAIR was a fixed fact; and although I subsequently ascertained the reasons and influences that controlled the selection of other members of the Cabinet, I never did and never could find out how Mr. BLAIR got there.

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Mr. LINCOLN said in talking of Mr. BATES: "I am reminded of the advice which Mr. BARTON, a distinguished lawyer of St. Louis, gave to a client thirty or forty years ago. A young man from Pittsburg, Penn., stopped at the hotel in St. Louis, and immediately placed a package of money in deposit with the branch Bank of the United States; after which, and during the day, he made several investments and drew several checks. On the following morning a person called on him to say that he was wanted at the bank, where, as he entered, he found several gentlemen in conversation, one of whom informed him that they had received information of a robbery of the bank from which the money he had deposited had been taken, and that, though delicate and unpleasant, it was deemed proper to inquire who he was, and whether he came honestly in possession of so large a sum of money. The young man replied that he was the son of a wealthy and well-known citizen of Pittsburg, but that he had no acquaintances in St. Louis, and was unable to identify himself. The bank men though under the circumstances that it was their duty to retain the money until they could be satisfied that he was the honest owner of it. Finding himself in a tight place, the landlord advised the young man (whose name, I think, was ANDERSON) to employ counsel, and recommended him to Squire BARTON, the law partner of the famous Col. THOMAS H. BENTON. He found Squire BARTON at his office, over a store, in his shirt-sleeves, who listened attentively and without speaking until the whole case was laid before him, and then, taking the young man to an open window, said, 'That's a pretty large amount of money for a stranger to carry around with him. There've been a good many robberies lately. 'Taint an honest way of getting a living, but some people don't find that out till they've tried it. If you're the son of Gen. ANDERSON, as I hope you are, and didn't steal that money, my advice is that you face the music, and I will stand by you; but if, as I strongly suspect, you were tempted, and that money isn't honestly yours, I advise you (pointing in the direction indicated) to make tracks for that tall timber, and to put the Mississippi between you and these bank fellows as soon as you can find a crossing.' 'And how much shall I pay for your advice?' inquired his client. 'If you intend to *hook* it, $5. If you remain, and prove yourself an honest lad, nothing.'"

It was now settled that Gov. SEWARD was to be Secretary of State, Gov. CHASE Secretary of the Treasury, and Mr. BATES the Attorney-General. I was satisfied that Mr. LINCOLN intended to give Mr. WELLES one of the other places in the Cabinet, that he was strongly inclined to give another place to Mr. BLAIR, and that his mind was not quite clear in regard to Gen. CAMERON. Only one place, therefore, remained open, and that, it was understood, was to be given to Indiana; but whether it was to be CALEB B. SMITH or Col. LANE, was undetermined. I inquired whether, in the shape which the question was taking, it was just or wise to concede so many seats in his Cabinet to the Democratic element in the Republican Party. He replied that, as a Whig, he thought he could afford to be liberal to a section of the Republican Party without whose votes he could not have been elected. I admitted the justice and wisdom of this, adding that in arranging and adjusting questions of place and patronage in our State, we had acted in that spirit; but that I doubted both the justice and the wisdom, in inaugurating his Administration, of giving to a minority of the Republican Party a majority in his Cabinet. I added that the National Convention indicated unmistakably the sentiment of its constituency by nominating for President a candidate with Whig antecedents, while its nominee for Vice-President had been for many years a Democratic Representative in Congress. "But," said Mr. LINCOLN, "why do you assume that we are giving that section of our party a majority in the Cabinet?" I replied that if Messrs. CHASE, CAMERON, WELLES and BLAIR should be designated, the Cabinet would stand four to three. "You seem to forget that I expect to be there; and counting me as one, you see how nicely the Cabinet would be balanced and ballasted. Besides," said Mr. LINCOLN, "in talking of Gen. CAMERON, you admitted that his political status was unexceptionable. I suppose we could say of Gen. CAMERON, without offense, that he is 'not Democrat enough to hurt him.' I remember that people used to say without disturbing self-respect that I was not lawyer enough to hurt me." I admitted that I had no political objection to Gen. CAMERON, who I was quite sure would forget whether applicants for appointment had been Whig or Democrat. I then renewed the suggestion relating to North Carolina or Tennessee, earnestly pressing its importance. Messrs. DAVIS and SWEAT united with me in these views. Mr. LINCOLN met us with strong counterviews, the force of which we were constrained to admit. "If," said Mr. LINCOLN, "contrary to our hopes, North Carolina and Tennessee should secede, could their men remain in the Cabinet? Or, if they remained, of what use would they be to the Government?" We, however, continued to press our point, until Mr. LINCOLN yielded so far as to say that he would write a letter to Hon. JOHN A. GILMORE, then a member of Congress from North Carolina, briefly stating his views of the duty of the Government in reference to pending questions then pending, and inviting him, if those views met his approval, to accept a seat in the Cabinet.

"Now," said Mr. LINCOLN, "if Mr. GILMORE should come in, some one else must stay out, and that other somebody must be either Judge BLAIR or Mr. BATES." Messrs. DAVIS, SWEAT, and myself exclaimed against dropping Mr. BATES; and so Mr. LINCOLN left us to infer that, if Mr. GILMORE came in, Mr. BLAIR would be excluded. Before the subject was finally dismissed, I recurred to Mr. WELLES, not, as I remarked, with any expectation of changing the programme, but to suggest that, if Mr. LINCOLN, when on his way to Washington, would stop long enough in New-York, Philadelphia, or Baltimore, to select an attractive figure-head, to be adorned with an elaborate wig and luxuriant whiskers, and transfer it from the prow of a ship to the entrance of the Navy Department, it would, in my opinion, be quite as serviceable as his Secretary, and less expensive. "Oh," said Mr. LINCOLN, "'wooden midshipmen' answer very well in novels, but we must have a live Secretary of the Navy." In this way the conversation being alternately earnest and playful, two days passed very pleasantly. I wish it were possible to give in Mr. LINCOLN'S amusing but quaint manner the many stories, anecdotes and witticisms with which he interlarded and enlivened what with almost any of his predecessors in the high office of President would have been a grave, dry consultation. The great merit of Mr. LINCOLN'S stories, like Capt. Bunsby's opinion, "lays in the application on it." They always and exactly suited the occasion and the subject, and none to which I ever listened were far-fetched or pointless. I will attempt, however, to repeat but one of them. If I have an especial fondness for any particular luxury, it manifests itself in a remarkable way when properly-made December sausages are placed before me. While at breakfast, Mr. DAVIS, noticing that, after having been bountifully served with sausage, Oliver Twist-like, I wanted some more, said, "You seem fond of our Chicago sausages." To which I responded affirmatively, adding that I thought the article might be relied on where pork was cheaper than dogs. "That," said Mr. LINCOLN, "reminds me of what occurred down at Joliet. Where a populous grocer supplied all the villagers with sausages. One Saturday evening, when his grocery was filled with customers, for whom he and his boys were busily engaged in weighing sausages, a neighbor with whom he had had a violent quarrel that day came into the grocery, made his way up to the counter, holding two enormous dead cats by the tail, which he deliberately threw on to the counter, saying, 'Thus makes seven today. I'll call round Monday and get my money for them.'"

In the course of our conversations, Mr. LINCOLN remarked that it was particularly pleasant to him to reflect that he was coming into office unembarrassed by promises. He owed, he supposed, his exemption from importunities to the circumstance that his name as a candidate was but a short time before the people, and that only a few sanguine friends anticipated the possibility of his nomination. "I have not," said he, "promised an office to any man, nor have I, but in a single instance, mentally committed myself to an appointment; and as that relates to an important office in your State, I have concluded to mention it to you, under strict injunctions of secrecy, however. If I am not induced by public consideration to change my purpose, HIRAM BARNEY will be Collector of the Port of New-York." I supposed that Mr. LINCOLN, in thus frankly avowing his friendship for Mr. BARNEY, intended to draw me out. I remarked that until I met him at the Chicago Convention, my acquaintance with Mr. BARNEY was very slight; but that after the Convention adjourned, Mr. BARNEY joined us (my daughter and a lady friend) in an excursion down the Mississippi and through Iowa, and that my impressions of him personally and politically were favorable, and that I believe he would make an excellent Collector. I added, that if it were true, as I had heard, that the reply of an extensive and well-known mercantile firm in New-York, during an exciting crisis, to Southern merchants, who threatened to withdraw their patronage on account of its opposition to slavery, viz.: "We offer our goods, not our principles, for sale," originated with Mr. BARNEY, it entitled him to any office that he asked for. "He has not," said Mr. LINCOLN, "asked nor this or any other office, nor does he know of my intention."

And now, as I was preparing to depart, Mr. LINCOLN said: "Some gentlemen who have been quite nervous about the object of your visit here would be surprised, if not incredulous, were I to tell them that during the two days we have passed together I have made no application, suggestion, or allusion to appointments." I replied that nothing of that nature had been upon my mind, and that I was much more concerned about the welfare of the country and the successful working of his Administration, than about matters which would come to perplex all upon whom responsibilities rested, but which it would be both premature and indelicate to obtrude upon him now. "This," said Mr. LINCOLN, "is undoubtedly a proper view of the question; and yet so much were you misunderstood, that I have received telegrams from prominent Republicans warning me against your efforts to forestall important appointments in your State. Other gentlemen who have visited me since the election have expressed similar apprehensions; but I have remarked that while our friends were extremely sensitive in relation to your designs, they brought along an ax or two of their own to be ground." I told Mr. LINCOLN that I had been a great many years actively engaged in political affairs; that I had been associated in Conventions, State and national, with friends whose wishes in reference to candidates had generally been gratified; that I had never asked for, or intimated a desire for a promise or a committal, directly or indirectly, of any description, of any candidate, from a President to a Justice of the Peace, antecedent to his nomination and election; that I had been in consultation with Gevs. Clinton, Seward, Young, Fish, Hunt, Clark, King and Morgan, after their election and before their inauguration, under circumstances similar to those which then existed; that my present visit a duty and a pleasure; but that I entertained too high a sense of the honor which the confidence of distinguished statesmen in high public position conferred, to annoy them or stultify myself by thrusting before them unseasonably mere questions of office—questions that would unavoidably come in due time to engross their thoughts and perplex their judgment.

A year or two after this visit, President LINCOLN, while talking with me about the peculiarities of his Cabinet, said that immediately after his election, thinking that the Vice-President, from his high character and long experience, was entitled to a voice in the Cabinet, the selection of the New-England man was conceded to him, and that Mr. HAMLIN named "Father WELLES." I then informed Mr. LINCOLN that there was a precedent for the consideration he had shown for Vice-President HAMLIN; that Gen. TAYLOR, immediately after his election to the Presidency, wrote a letter to the Vice-President elect, in which, after expressing his gratification in being associated with a gentleman of large experience in the civil service of the Government, on whom he could rely for information and advice, he indicated his desire that the Vice-President should act as an *ex officio* member of his Cabinet. But when Gen. TAYLOR reached Washington, he ascertained that his views in this respect were impracticable if not unconstitutional.

It is proper to add, before closing this chapter, that Mr. LINCOLN made me the bearer of his letter to Mr. GILMORE, with which I repaired to Washington. In being an open letter, Mr. GILMORE, after reading it attentively, entered into a frank conversation with me upon the question which was exciting profound interest and anxiety in and out of Congress. He said that he entirely approved of the views of Mr. LINCOLN on that question, and that he was gratified with the confidence reposed in him; but that, before replying to he deemed it proper to confer with members of Congress from Southern States, who, like himself, were opposed to secession. Soon afterward the "Border State Proposition" was rejected by the House of Representatives. Under these circumstances, hopeless of keeping North Carolina in the Union, Mr. GILMORE declined the offer of a seat in the Cabinet. THURLOW WEED.

Rufus Hatch's Circular, No. 2—Frauds in Railroad Management—Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad.

This line is the complement of the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad, from Buffalo to Chicago—the two having a length of 982 miles; that of the former from Buffalo to Chicago being 540 miles; that of the latter from New-York to Buffalo being 442 miles. This whole line is now under the control of a single will—that of Mr. VANDERBILT—he being President of the Central, and his son-in-law, Mr. HORACE F. CLARK, being President of the Lake Shore.

Mr. VANDERBILT first appeared in the latter line in 1866-67, when he got control of the Cleveland and Toledo, in order to sever the connection of the New-York Central with the West—the opponents of this railway potentate having at that time the control of the latter road. Here he displayed his watering capacity, though in a very humble way, in the union which he effected between the Cleveland and Toledo, and the Cleveland, Painsville and Ashtabula. Upon the share capital of the former, then $5,000,000, a scrip dividend of twenty-five per cent. was paid amounting to only $1,250,000. But this was in the earlier days of Mr. VANDERBILT'S railroad experience, and while he was yet a

THE TAYLOR WILL.

The Examination Yesterday—An Expert on the Stand—His Testimony—Objections to its Introduction—The Case in a Scientific Point of View.

Proceedings in the matter of the contested will of JAMES B. TAYLOR, deceased, were again resumed before Hon. R. C. HUTCHINGS, yesterday, and, as has been the case since the trial opened, the Court-room was crowded with interested spectators. The only witness examined was Mr. JOSEPH E. PAINE, an expert in handwriting, who was placed upon the stand on the part of the contestant. Mr. PAINE was one of the experts who gave evidence in the noted Rowland will case; and having had much experience in relation to penmanship, and its connection with forgery cases, the testimony is entitled to some weight. Before proceeding to testify as to his opinions, the proposed evidence of the witness was objected to on the part of the proponents of the will, and the question argued at length by the respective counsel in the suit. The testimony was, however, admitted. A brief recapitulation of the proceedings will be found below.

JOSEPH E. PAINE, called for contestant, testified: I am employed in the counting-house of A. A. LOW & BROTHERS, in this City; have made the subject of handwriting a study to a considerable extent; have, I think, acquired a familiarity with writing to such a degree as to be able to distinguish between a simulated and real hand.

The signature of "JAMES B. TAYLOR" on various exhibits was here shown witness and Mr. CLINTON, contestant's counsel, requested him to state the characteristics as shown in these signatures, acknowledged to be genuine. This mode of procedure was objected to by Mr. STOUGHTON, opposing counsel, who argued that the testimony was inadmissible, and to admit it established a dangerous precedent, and that it was a comparison of hands, and belonged to a class of evidence rarely if ever admitted; that a witness who had never seen the person who made the signature write, was not qualified as a witness, and that the testimony of so-called experts was not allowable. Mr. CLINTON, in response, cited several cases from Massachusetts and Pennsylvania reports, and also one or two from those of this State, from which authorities he claimed that the right to introduce experts as witnesses was established, particularly in criminal cases. Mr. STOUGHTON replied, and in referring to the cases quoted said that in each instance when a comparison of hands was allowed a personal knowledge of the writer's handwriting was required. If this testimony was admitted, he added, he should reserve the right to claim that the papers hitherto admitted in the trial were not genuine, and if genuine then immaterial. Judge HUTCHINGS in deciding the question remarked:

"I observe, on reading the testimony, that these letters were presented for the purpose of showing the affectionate relations continuing to exist on the part of the testator toward his granddaughter, the contestant. They are therefore properly in evidence, outside the question of handwriting, and within the Court of Appeals' decision in VAN WYCK rs. MCINTOSH, (14 N. Y. Rep.,) so as to be the subject of comparison with the signature of the paper propounded as the will of the decedent. There was no objection by the proponents to the admission of these letters, and I must therefore assume that their genuineness was not disputed."

The will in question was next introduced, together with other signatures attached to papers signed by the deceased, and the witness was required to describe the peculiarities existing.

Question by Mr. ANTHON, counsel for DURYEA—Did you ever see Mr. TAYLOR write? Witness—No, Sir.

The witness then proceeded to testify at length, it being understood that the entire testimony was objected to on the part of the proponents. He said, in his opinion, the signature to the will was characterized by too great regularity, thus giving it a mechanical form; that the motion was a slow one, and not natural, as was usual with the writer; that the "J" in the "James" was made with evident care, more pressure being applied in some places than in others. The witness then described the various letters of the signature in detail, showing, as he claimed, peculiarities in their formation. Having finished the will the other signatures were similarly criticised, and differences pointed out. The examination was one of great length, and of importance, but not of general public interest. The testimony, being mainly an explanation of technical peculiarities and differences, and being called as an expert for the contestant, it can well be seen that the evidence was so framed as to convey the impression that the signature to the will was a forgery, the handwriting being shown to differ, in all essential particulars, from the genuine signature of the deceased. The witness was next asked as to the characteristics in the handwriting of the body of the will, which being objected to, Mr. CLINTON remarked that he desired to make no secret of the matter, but that, on the part of the contestant, no doubt existed but that the will was both drawn and signed by the same person. The evidence was allowed, and certain letters in words in the body of the instrument selected by the witness which, he claimed, were similar in their characteristics to those observable in the signature. General particulars of resemblance were also pointed out. The theory that the will was made and signed by the same person, Mr. PAINE stated, was, in his opinion, not inconsistent, and in concluding his evidence he also said that in his judgment there were no similar characteristics existing between the signature and the will, and the signatures attached to the five exhibits, in regard to which he had testified.

The cross-examination was reserved until to-day at 11 o'clock, to which hour the case was adjourned.

A Father in Pursuit of His Three Children.

In the Supreme Court, Chambers, yesterday, before Judge SUTHERLAND, one THOMAS H. SCOTT, a colored man, made application, by virtue of a writ of habeas corpus, for the custody of his three children, who were recently taken from him by the wife and mother. In answer to a question put by the Court to Mr. SCOTT, the latter stated that his wife had abandoned him without cause, and had taken the three children with her. As to whether she was a pious woman the husband did not know; she was in the habit of visiting the missionaries quite often. On the other side, it was stated that SCOTT's wife left him on account of his brutal and inhuman treatment of herself and children. The argument of the case was postponed to Wednesday, the 18th inst.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

At the Exchange yesterday, Jan. 16, a transaction of some importance was effected as follows: JAMES M. MILLER, by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of D. P. INGRAHAM, Jr., Esq., referee, disposed of the business premises known as No. 191 Reade-street, running through to Chambers-street, being numbered on that street No. 199. The lot is 23 feet in depth, 24 feet 7 inches front on one street, and 22 feet 6 inches on the other. The terms were cash, gold, and after some competition the property was sold to Mr. DAVID S. PAGE, for $25,100, or in currency, with gold at 110, for $27,610. No other sale was made nor adjournments announced.

No special sales are noticed to take place at the Exchange today, but tomorrow will be an active one. MULLER, WILKINS & Co., holding the important sale of houses and lots belonging to the Cram estate, and ROBERTS & MCGUIRE disposing of some valuable City property. For to-morrow, also, in Brooklyn, an important sale is advertised by J. COLE, real estate auctioneer of that city. It will take place at the Commercial Exchange, No. 389 Fulton-street, and a large amount of property is offered as follows: Five brown stone houses and lots on Bedford-avenue, four houses and lots on Lafayette-avenue, and six houses and lots on Heyward-street; also, twenty-two lots situated on Third and Flatbush avenues, and on Bedford, Sackett, Hart, Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets, respectively. The sale, a noticeable one, is made by order of the Brooklyn Trust Company, and it is announced as positive.

It the large list of desirable City houses advertised in this column, at private sale, yesterday, by WINANS, SANDS & GARRETTSON, the place of business of the firm was erroneously printed No. 191 Cedar-street, instead of No. 91, the proper number.

Exchange Sale, Monday, Jan. 16, 1871.

NEW-YORK.

By James M. Miller.

5-story store and lot, No. 191 Reade-st., running through to Chambers-st., No. 199, lot 24.7x70; 22.6.....$25,100, gold

Transfers of Real Estate.

KINGS COUNTY.

Brooklyn.

Adams-st., w. s., 82.10 ft. s. of York-st., 21x88.4... $6,700
Bainbridge-st., s. s., 410 ft. w. of Lewis-av., 40x100, h. and ls.....3,500
Broadway and Eldert-st., n. e. corner, 80x100, 1869.....400
Devoe-st., n. s., 60 ft. w. of Lorimer-st., 20x57.6, h. and l.....2,200
Dupont-st., n. s., 145 ft. e. of Franklin-st., 25x100, 2,100
Henry-st., e. s., 190 ft. s. of Clark-st., 25x100.... 20,000
Palmetto-st., n. w. s., 150 ft. n. e. of Johnston-st., 25x100.....
Truxton-st., s. s., 90 ft. e. of Sackman-st., 60x75.. 350
Truxton-st., n. s., 411.6 ft. e. of Stone-av., 19.6x 100.....450
Atlantic-av., n. s., 42 ft. w. of Grand-av., 120x70... 5,000
Atlantic-av., n. s., 187 ft. w. of Grand-av., 25x100, 2,000
Bedford-av. and Raymond-st., n. e. corner, 18x70, 1,100
East New-York-av., s. s., 94.6 ft. w. of Hudson-av., 20x100.....300
Tompkins-av., w. s., 60 ft. n. of Halsey-st., 20x80, mortgage $4,000.....5,500
Washington-av., e. s., 25.1 ft. s. of Pacific-st., 82.1 x62.5x48.4x20x77.8.....3,000
Webster-av., s. s., 353 ft. e. 2d-st., 45.6x109.3.... 1,000
Webster-av., s.s., adjoining above, 45.6x109.2.... 1,000
4th-av., n. w. s., 75 ft. s. w. of 10th-st., 61.8x95.9x 28x9.7x10.1x48.7x65.7x45.1h.....7,300

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Mamaroneck.

Lot No. 40 First Sub Grand Park.....$850

New Rochelle.

Washington-av., n. s., 567 ft. from Webster-av., 200x350.....$350

Yonkers.

Woodworth-av., w. s., 110 ft. s. of Lamartine-av., 50x240.....$600
Palisade-av., e. s., 148 ft. n. of High-st., 100x380.. 2,300

NEW-JERSEY.

Newark.

Stone-st., w. s., 125 ft. n. of Crane-st., 25x100..... $800
Cyrus-st., lots No. 34 and 35, each 25x100..... 500

Orange.

Main-st., n. s., 77 ft. from Market-building, 33.6x 119.6.....$150

Jersey City.

Lot No. 12, block No. 61, Van Vorst map, 25x100 $5,150
Union-st., n. s., 365 ft. w. of Ocean-st., 25x100.... 700
8th-av. and 1st-st., s. w. corner, 100x104..... 4,000
North 5th-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of Jersey-av., 25x100. 2,750
South 3d-st., n. s., 258 ft. w. of Grove-st., 16.8x100. 6,500
Oxford-av., lot No. 56, block No. 1, Buck's map, 25x87.....850

Hoboken.

Newark-av., s. s., lots Nos. 28 to 31 inclusive, Coster estate, each 25x100.....1,600
Monroe-st., w. s., lot No. 30, block No. 64, Coster estate, 25x100.....700

North Bergen.

Lots No. 30 and 31, Hexamer's maps, 25x100..... $200
28 acres of cedar swamp, adjoining De Mott's.... 190

Bayonne.

13th-st., adjoining John Vreeland's, 25x100..... $450

Union.

Bergen line road, w. s., lot No. 1,068, Hexamer's map, 25x115.....$275

CITY REAL ESTATE.

D. M. SEAMAN, NO. 14 PINE-ST., offers at PRIVATE SALE a large number first-class and medium-priced houses in all sections of the City; VACANT LOTS in all locations; BUSINESS PROPERTY on all the leading avenues and streets. AUCTION SALES FOR EXECUTORS and others made on favorable terms.

A.—FOR SALE, ON 3D-AV., VALUABLE well-rented corner-store property,

Also,

A—Four-story full-sized brick and brown-stone house, 10th-st., near 5th-av.

Also,

A—Four-story brick house, 12th-st., near 4th-av.

Also,

A—Four-story medium-sized brown-stone house, in 16th-st., near 5th-av.

Also,

A—Four-story medium-sized brown-stone house, 39th-st., near 5th-av.

Also,

A—Full-sized new dwelling, 5th-av., near 44th-st.

Also,

A—Printed list of houses and stores for occupancy or investment.

V. K. STEVENSON & SON, No. 11 Pine-st.

CITY HOUSES, FOR SALE.

24th-st., near 6th-av.—Three-story h. s. brick....$18,000
31st-st., near 8th-av.—Three-story h. s. b. s..... 22,000
33d-st., near 8th-av.—Four-story h. s. b. s..... 26,000
47th-st., near 6th-av.—Four-story h. s. b. s..... 23,000
52d-st., near Madison-av.—Three-story h. s..... 25,000
53d-st., near 3d-av.—Three-story basement b. s.. 23,000

TO EXCHANGE.

53d-st., near Lexington-av.—Two houses for City lots.
57th-st., near 2d-av.—Two houses for country seat.
125th-st., near 5th-av.—One house for house below 50th-st.

Apply to

WINANS, SANDS & GARRETTSON, No. 91 Cedar-st.

FRANK G. BROWN, Son of Lewis B. Brown, Esq.
DAVISON BROWN, Son of Stewart Brown, Esq.

FRANK G. & DAVISON BROWN, REAL ESTATE BROKERS, No. 100 Broadway, New-York.

Refer by permission to Messrs. Brown Brothers & Co., Wm. E. Dodge, Esq.

FIFTH-AV.

For sale by TAYLOR & STEARNS, No. 1½ Pine-st., nearly all the best plots of lots on the avenue. Diagrams and prices given personally or by mail.

FOUR-STORY HIGH-STOOP BROWN-stone, west of 5th-av., on 53d-st., $35,000.

Three-story high-stoop brown-stone, east of 8th-av., on 37th-st., at a sacrifice.

Three-story high-stoop brick, east of 8th-av., on 36th-st., will be sold very low.

Three-story high-stoop brown-stone on East 80th-st., between 2d and 3d avs., or will trade.

Three-story high-stoop brown-stone on 61st-st., near Lexington-av.

We have several building lots for sale at a very low price at

B. S. LEVY & CO.'S, No. 271 West 38th-st., near 8th-av.

SOUTH-ST., NEAR WALL.—FOR SALE, a four-story brick store, 21.11x70 feet, together with the wharfage right in front of same, the property now yielding a rental of $3,800 per year; price only $30,000. Further particulars of WARD & OGDEN, Broadway, corner 17th-st.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE OR TO LEASE FOR A TERM OF YEARS.—A house and two lots, 25 by 100, corner of 18th-st. and 4th-av., Brooklyn. For particulars, inquire of J. M. FULLER, No. 244 Fulton-st., New-York.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO LET OR FOR SALE.—ATELIZABETH, comfortable 12 room house; modern fittings; near depot; 45 minutes from Wall-st.; 50 trains daily—commutation 11 cents per trip, on favorite line of travel. Inquire at West Elizabeth (Jersey-st.) station, or address C. C., Box No. 225 Post-office, New-York.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

TO EXCHANGE FOR NEW-YORK OR JERSEY CITY PROPERTY.—Farm of 100 acres; stock, crops, tools, &c.; good buildings, fruit, &c.; three miles from Millstone, one-half mile from station, on National Railroad, now building; free and clear. A. D. MELLICK, JR., & BRO., No. 6 Pine-st.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, lands and village lots for sale; a great variety, beautifully situated, 45 minutes to 1 hour from N. Y. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by BLACKWELL & SMITH, 243 Broadway, 9 to 11; or Orange, corner Main and Cone sts.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

OFFICES TO LET,

WITH ALL THE MODERN IMPROVEMENTS, SPLENDID LIGHT AND VENTILATION, SUITABLE FOR

Banks, Bankers, Brokers, Merchants, Lawyers, Railway, Insurance and other Companies,

IN BUILDINGS

Nos. 38, 39, 40, 42, 57, 64, 66, 69, 71, 73, 78 and 80 BROADWAY,
Nos. 5, 7, 9, 13, 15, 17, 19, 34 & 36, 95 NEW-ST.,
Nos. 4, 6, 11, 17, 19, 21 & 38 BROAD-ST.,
Nos. 35 and 37 EXCHANGE-PLACE.
ALL NEAR WALL-ST.
And Nos. 41 and 43 WALL-ST.

APPLY AT THE OFFICE OF

EDWARD MATTHEWS, **Nos. 4 and 6 BROAD-ST.**

OFFICES TO LET IN THE BIBLE-HOUSE, 4th-av., 8th and 9th sts. Desirable rooms, singly or en suite, on second story, fronting on Astor-place; rooms heated by steam. Apply at Treasurer's office, 4th-av.

REAL ESTATE WANTED.

WANTED—GOOD TENEMENT PROPERTY, in exchange for a valuable steam laundry near the City; everything requisite for the business; now in use and paying well. Apply to WINANS, SANDS & GARRETTSON, No. 91 Cedar-st.

WANTED—A MEDIUM-SIZED BRICK OR brown-stone high-stoop house in a good neighborhood, in exchange for unencumbered vacant lots in the upper part of the City. Address CASTOR, Box No. 5,915 Post-office.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

SUPREME COURT SALE IN PARTITION OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE, ON BROADWAY, NORTH-EAST CORNER OF 187TH-ST.; ON 4TH-AV., NORTH-EAST CORNER 17TH-ST.; ON CANAL-ST. AND ON WOOSTER AND LAURENS STS., RUNNING THROUGH AND FRONTING ON EACH STREET.

ADRIAN H. MULLER will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the supreme Court, in partition, under the direction of Henry Nicoll, Esq., Referee, the following-described real estate, viz.:

BROADWAY.—The five four-story stores and lots on the north-east corner of Broadway and 21st-st., Nos. 922, 924, 926, 928 and 930 Broadway, the entire plot having a front on Broadway of over 102 feet.

FOURTH-AVENUE.—The four-story marble and brick house and lot (with stable on the rear) on north-east corner of 4th-av. and 17th-st., opposite the Everett House and Union-square, 28 by 115 feet.

CANAL-STREET.—The two stores and lots on the northerly side of Canal-st., between Wooster and Laurens sts., Nos. 365 and 367 Canal-st.

WOOSTER-STREET.—The eleven three-story and attic brick building and lots on the westerly side of Wooster-st., 72 feet 4 inches north of Canal-st., Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23 Wooster-st., having a front of 238 feet on Wooster-st.

LAURENS-STREET (or 5th-av. extension.)—The nine four-story brick houses and lots on the easterly side of Laurens-st., in the rear of the lots on Wooster-st., Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 Laurens-st., making together a front of 172 feet 8 inches on Laurens-st.

Sixty per cent. may remain on bond and mortgage of the premises for five years.

Maps may be had at the office of the auctioneer, No. 7 Pine-st., or of Lewis L. Delafield, Plaintiff's Attorney, No. 49 Exchange-place.

J. COLE, Auctioneer.

POSITIVE SALE BY ORDER OF THE Brooklyn Trust Company: Five splendid brown-stone residences in Brooklyn, to be sold at auction, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18, at 12 o'clock, at the Commercial Exchange, No. 389 Fulton-st., (opposite City Hall,) Brooklyn:

Five first-class brown-stone front houses, on the east side of Bedford-av., (Boulevard,) between Willoughby and De Kalb avs., replete with all modern improvements.

Also, one vacant lot, north side Hart-st., 100 feet east from Tompkins-av.

Also, at the same time and place, one lot on Flatbush-av. and Butler-st.

Also, one splendid lot on Sackett-st., between 8th-av. and the Park.

Also,

EIGHTEEN HOUSES AND LOTS.

MONROE-STREET.—Two houses and four lots on south side, 365 feet east from Bedford-av.

MONROE-STREET.—Double house, four lots and stable, on the north side, 185 feet east from Bedford-av.

LAFAYETTE-AVENUE.—Four houses and lots, north side, 36 feet east from Reid-av.

HEYWARD-STREET.—Six houses and lots, north side, 78 feet, 6 inches east from Lee-av.

Also, fifteen lots on 3d-av., 22d and 23d sts.

For maps, terms, &c., apply to the auctioneer's, No. 389 Fulton-st., Brooklyn.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ROBERTS & MCGUIRE, Auctioneers.

A.—SUPREME COURT SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED PROPERTY, corner 2d-av. and 34th-st.

ROBERTS & MCGUIRE, Auctioneers, will sell at auction on

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18, 1871, at 12 o'clock, noon, At the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, under direction of

DANIEL P. INGRAHAM, Jr., Esq., Referee, the five-story and cellar brick house (with store) and lot known as No. 622 2d-av., north-east corner 34th-st. This street is 100 feet wide, and has ferry and railroad connections with all parts of Long Island, and is one of the finest business corners in the City.

The four-story and finished back basement brick house and lot No. 307 East 34th-st.

Maps at the auctioneers' office, No. 87 Cedar-st.

E. H. LUDLOW & CO., Auctioneers.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF THE ESTATE of A. J. Cipriaut, at 12 o'clock, Jan. 26, 1871, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, viz.: Buildings and lots No. 11 Pine-st., No. 73 Nassau-st., and No. 42 Liberty-st.; six-sixteenths in packet ships of the Black Ball line; $2,890 scrip Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, and 404 acres 111 perches of land in Monroe County, Penn.

Particulars at auctioneers' office, No. 3 Pine-st.

FINANCIAL.

THE NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY.

OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,

NO. 336 BROADWAY.

CAPITAL - $1,000,000
DEPOSITS, OVER $5,000,000.

PAYS 4 PER CENT. INTEREST ON DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO CHECK AT SIGHT.

PAYS 5 PER CET. INTEREST ON SPECIAL DEPOSITS FOR SIX MONTHS OR LONGER.

THE COMPANY IS A LEGAL DEPOSITORY FOR MONEYS PAID INTO COURT, AND RECEIVES MONEYS IN TRUST.

DARIUS B. MANGAM, President.
B. L. SOLOMON, First Vice-President. BENJ. F. BANCROFT, Second Vice-President.
JAMES MERRELL, Secretary.

VERMILYE & CO. BANKERS,

16 and 18 Nassau-st., New-York.

DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES,

BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION

RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD,

MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

8 Per Cent. Interest FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS

OF THE ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY,

FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED.

Principal and Interest Payable in Gold.

Mortgage at the rate of $13,500 per mile.

ROAD COMPLETED AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Price 97½ and accrued interest.

We unhesitatingly recommend them, and will furnish maps, circulars, &c., on application.

W. P. CONVERSE & CO., **No. 54 Pine-st.**
TANNER & CO., **No. 11 Wall-st.**

BANKING HOUSE OF Geo. Opdyke & Co. 25 NASSAU ST. CORNER OF CEDAR ST.

FOUR PER CENT. interest allowed on current accounts, subject to check at sight.

PRIME INVESTMENTS for trust and other funds always on hand.

INVESTMENT ORDERS promptly executed for Governments, Gold, Bonds and other Securities.

COLLECTIONS WANTED ON CHICAGO, KEOKUK, DES MOINES, IOWA CITY, ST. JOSEPH, and other points in the Western States.

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THE BEST SECURITY IN THE WORLD,

SEVEN (7) PER CENTS,

TWENTY TO THIRTY YEARS TO RUN.

DITTO DUE IN 1874-75,

FOR SALE.

GEO. K. SISTARE, **No. 34 Nassau-st.**

P. S.—City 6s bought and sold.

STAR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 96 Broadway.

AT AN ELECTION HELD AT THE office of this Company, Jan. 9, 1871, the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

LEVI APGAR,
C. H. APPLEGATE,
JAY L. ADAMS,
PETER B. ANDERSON,
EFFERT BRADLESTON,
ALEX. BONNELL,
MARTIN Y. BUNN,
ABIJAH CURTIS,
CHAS. DENISON,
JOHN R. FLANAGAN,
JAMES FLANAGAN,
DANIEL FOSTER,
ALLAN HAY,
JOHN H. HOLDANE,
ZACHARIAH JAQUES,
T. C. KIMBALL,
D. B. MOSES,
NICH. C. MILLER,
WM. W. OWENS,
JOHN F. PUPKE,
BENJ. F. PINCHOT,
FRANCIS A. RAY,
O. W. F. RANDOLPH,
CHAS. B. RICHARD,
CHAS. SPEAR,
GEO. W. SAVAGE,
E. T. TEFFT,
JOHN C. TUCKER,
STEPHEN VIELE,
JAS. WALLACE,
R. CORNELL WHITE.

And, at a subsequent meeting of the Board, held Jan. 11, 1871, NICHOLAS C. MILLER was re-elected President, and JOHN R. FLANAGAN Vice-President.

JAMES M. HODGES, Secretary.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO., NO. 59 WALL-ST.,

issue COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

HANOVER NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Jan. 31, 1871.

AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION, HELD on the 10th inst., the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors, viz.:

WILLIAM E. JOHNSON,
JAMES STUART,
EDWARD BRIDGE,
CHARLES A COE,
JOHN D. SEWARD,
SAMUEL B. ROKENBAUGH,
CURTIS NOBLE,
ROBERT SCHELL,
CHARLES STANTON,
JOSEPH W. GREENE,
ISAAC N. SEYMOUR,
JOSEPH SLAGG,
THOMAS EARLE,
ALBERT T. RAND,
JAMES D. SMITH.

At the meeting of the Board this day, WILLIAM H. JOHNSON was unanimously re-elected President.

JOHN T. BANKER, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1871.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHAFER FARM OIL COMPANY.—The amount of capital of the Company is $500,000. Stock for the full amount of said capital was issued in payment of the property real estate on Oil Creek, Penn., as heretofore reported necessary for the business of the Company as full stock, not liable to any further call or assessment. The amount of the existing debts of the Company does not exceed $200.

CHARLES STORRS, President.
CHARLES STORRS,
D. S. ARNOLD,
CHARLES WILCOX,
C. RICHMOND,
D. L. BANNING,
A. L. DICKINSON, Trustees.

State of New-York, City and County of New-York, ss:

DANIEL S. ARNOLD, of said City, being duly sworn, says that he is the Secretary of the Shafer Farm Oil Company, and that the above report is signed by the President and a majority of the Trustees of said Company, and that said report is true.

DANIEL S. ARNOLD, Secretary.

Sworn to before me, this 18th day of January, 1871.

H. P. ALLEN, Notary Public.

OFFICE OF THE WILKES-BARRE COAL AND IRON COMPANY, No. 80 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1871.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Wilkes-Barre Coal and Iron Company for the election of directors and transaction of such other business as may be presented, will be held at the office of the Company at Wilkes-Barre, Penn., on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25, 1871, at 11 o'clock A. M. The polls will close at 12 o'clock M.

Transfer-books will be closed from the 17th to the 26th inst., both days inclusive. By order

WM. H. TILLINGHAST, Secretary.

OFFICE OF WELLS, FARGO AND COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1871.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors will be held on SATURDAY, Feb. 4, next, at the office of the Company.

Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M. Transfer-books will be closed Jan. 24, at 2 P. M., and reopened Feb. 6 at 10 A. M.

THEO. F. WOOD, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE BROADWAY INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 158 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 10, 1871.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIrectors of this Company, and for inspectors of the next election, will be held at the office of the Company on WEDNESDAY, 18th inst., from 12 M. until 1 o'clock.

JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF SEVEN per cent. bonds of the City of New-Albany, Ind., having twenty years to run, are for sale at 90 and accrued interest at the Chatham National Bank. The total debt of the City, including these bonds, is $373,000.

FINANCIAL.

Montclair Railway NEW-JERSEY 7 PER CENT. GOLD 1ST MORTGAGE BONDS,

INDORSED BY THE

NEW-YORK AND OSWEGO Midland Railroad Co.,

FOR SALE IN

DENOMINATIONS OF

$1,000, $500 AND $100.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES EXCHANGED AT MARKET RATES.

SEND FOR CIRCULAR AND MAP.

LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER, BANKERS, NO. 10 WALL-ST.

NINTH WARD BANK,

(ORGANIZED UNDER STATE CHARTER.)

CAPITAL $200,000, SUBJECT TO INCREASE TO $500,000.

THIS BANK

Is now open for business at

NO. 22 ABINGDON-SQUARE.

This bank invites the accounts of the merchants and residents of the Ninth Ward and vicinity, and assures all depositors that they will be liberally dealt with, and every facility afforded consistent with sound banking. Collections made on all points in the United States and Canada.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

WILLIAM FAXON,
FRED. BOHDE, Bohde & Doscher, 204 Fulton-st.
JOHN H. BERDAN, Jefferson Market.
EDWARD GREENE, Laflin & Rand Powder Co., Park-row.
EDGAR F. BROWN, Brown & Estes, 229 Broadway.
JAMES QUEE, 624 Hudson-st.
PHILLIP HERRMAN, 338 West 14th-st.
W. H. GRAY, 22 and 27 Wooster-st.
MINOT F. WINCH, 155 Charles-st.
JOSIAH COLBY, 53 Leonard-st.
D. R. MANGAM, President National Trust Co.
HORACE INGERSOLL, B. C. Wheeler & Co., 403 West-st.
JOHN CROW, 611 Hudson-st.
JOSEPH ROSENTHAL, H. Bacharach & Co., 447 Broadway.
H. S. CHANDLER, 11 Wall-st.
E. L. BURNHAM, E. L. & B. T. Burnham, 609 Hudson-st.
WM. H. CHRISTIE, W. H. Christie & Co., foot of Christopher-st.
WALTER J. PRICE, Beadleston, Price & Co., 389 West 10th-st.
E. G. W. WOERZ, Beadleston, Price & Co., 289 West 10th-st.
HENRY KLOPPENBURG, H. Kloppenburg & Son, 35 9th-av.
WM. FAXON, President.
J. O. NOXON, Cashier.

LA MANCHE MINING COMPANY.

The adjourned annual meeting of the stockholders of the La Manche Mining Company of Newfoundland will be held at No. 24 Cliff-st., on WEDNESDAY, the 25th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M.

THOS. S. ALEXANDER, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 14, 1871.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK AND HUGHES RIVER OIL COMPANY, No. 33 BROAD-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1871.

THE NEW-YORK AND HUGHES RIVER OIL COMPANY, duly incorporated under an act of the Legislature of the State of New-York, passed February, 1871, and the several acts amending the same, entitled an act for the formation of Corporations for manufacturing, mining or chemical purposes, hereby report: That the capital stock of said Company is one million of dollars, all of which has been issued in payments for the lands purchased by the Company, and that the present effects and assets of the Company far exceed any amount of unliquidated claims there may be against it.

ALLAN HAY, President.
JAMES CHAMBERS, J. T. MERRITT, J. D. CLUTE, Trustees, being a majority of the Board.

[5c. U. S. Rev. stamp, canceled.]

City and County of New-York, ss.: JACOB T. MERRITT, being duly sworn, doth depose and say, that he is the Secretary of the Company above named, and that the foregoing report is in all respects true.

J. T. MERRITT, Secretary.

Sworn to before me this 16th day of January, A. D. 1871. JOHN T. LOCKMAN, Notary Public, City and County of New-York.

F. CHANDLER, President. M. F. READING, Cashier.
THE NATIONAL MECHANICS' BANKING ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1871.

AT AN ELECTION HELD THIS DAY the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year, viz.:

FRANKLIN CHANDLER,
MASON THOMSON,
JOHN R. M. MAXWELL,
WILLIAM M. VERMILYE,
NATHANIEL W. CHATER,
EDWARD A. QUINTARD,
ADON SMITH, Jr.,
DAVID M. TURNURE,
JOHN W. ISWORTH,

were duly elected Directors of this Bank for the ensuing year.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board, FRANKLIN CHANDLER, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President. M. F. READING, Cashier.

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ROBERT SCHELL,
CHARLES STANTON,
JOSEPH W. GREENE,
ISAAC N. SEYMOUR,
JOSEPH SLAGG,
THOMAS EARLE,
ALBERT T. RAND,
JAMES D. SMITH.

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JOHN T. BANKER, Cashier.

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A. L. DICKINSON, Trustees.

State of New-York, City and County of New-York, ss:

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WM. H. TILLINGHAST, Secretary.

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FINANCIAL.

First Mortgage BONDS

OF THE

Nashville and Decatur Railroad.

FOR PARTICULARS SEE TO-MORROW'S PAPER.

FOR SALE BY

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IRVING NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 16, 1871.

AT AN ELECTION HELD THIS DAY the following-named gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year, viz.:

JOHN CASTREE,
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WM. A. THOMSON,
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JOHN T. WILSON,
HECTOR ARMSTRONG,
HARVEY P. FARRINGTON,
FRANCIS D. LOCKWOOD.

At a meeting of the Board, held on the 13th inst., JOHN CASTREE, Esq., was unanimously re-elected President. JOHN L. JEWETT, Jr., Cashier.

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SHIPPING.

CUNARD LINE.

BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS. BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

[illegible]ts. Wels. Jan. 18 | Batavia, Thursday, Feb. 2
via Halifax. | China, Wednesday, Feb. 8
[illegible], Thursday, Jan. 19 | Palmyra, Thursday, Feb. 9
[illegible]ednesday, Jan. 25 | Algeria, Wednes., Feb. 15
[illegible] Thursday, Jan. 26 | Parthia, Thursday, Feb. 16
[illegible]Wednesday, Feb. 1

RATES OF PASSAGE.

By the Wednesday steamers, not carrying Steerage: First Cabin, $130, gold. Second Cabin, $90, gold. Second Cabin to Paris.....$145, gold.

By the Thursday steamers:

First Cabin, $80, gold. Steerage, $30, currency.

Excursion tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown to all parts of Europe at lowest rates.

Through Bills of Lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Antwerp and other ports on the Continent, and Mediterranean ports.

For freight and cabin passage apply at the Company's Office, No. 4 Bowling-green.

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CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

[illegible]-SHIP ARYSSINIA, SAILING [illegible]January, will call at Halifax.

[illegible] passage to Halifax, $20 gold.

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[illegible] SATURDAY and alternate WEDNES- [illegible] from Glasgow and Derry, Passengers [illegible] and forwarded to and from all railway sta- [illegible] Great Britain, Ireland, Germany, Norway, [illegible] of Denmark, to America, by this safe, speedily, [illegible]ly and cheaply as by any other route or

[illegible] STEAMERS. | "EXTRA" STEAMERS.
[illegible]Sat., Jan. 21 | Iowa.....Wed., Jan. 25
[illegible]Sat., Jan. 28 | Ismalia.....Wed., Feb. 1
[illegible]Sat., Feb. 4 | Acadia.....Wed., Feb. 22
[illegible]Sat., Feb. 11 | Iowa.....Wed., Mar. 1
[illegible]Sat., Feb. 18 | Ismalia.....Wed., Mar. 8
[illegible]Sat., Feb. 25 | Acadia.....Wed., April 5

[illegible] SATURDAY and alternate WEDNES- [illegible]after, from Pier No. 20 North River, New-[illegible].

[illegible]SAGE, PAYABLE IN CURRENCY, TO LIVER- [illegible]POOL, GLASGOW OR DERRY:

[illegible]$95 and $75, according to location.

[illegible]urnish tickets, good for 12 months secur- [illegible]modation, $120.

[illegible]ge, $32; Steerage, $28.

[illegible] at REDUCED RATES, can be bought [illegible]ates to send for their friends.

[illegible], payable on presentation.

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[illegible]ON BROTHERS, No. 7 Bowling-green.

LINE FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

[illegible] Steamers are appointed to sail as fol-

[illegible]ARIS.....Saturday, Jan. 21, 2 P. M.
[illegible]Y OF BALTIMORE, (via Halifax.)
[illegible]Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1 P. M.
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, Jan. 28, 11 A. M.
[illegible]Y OF ANTWERP.....Saturday, Feb. 4, 2 P. M.

[illegible]succeeding SATURDAY, and alternate [illegible]ys, to Queenstown.

[illegible]Wednesday, Feb. 1.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

[illegible]N GOLD. | PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
[illegible]$78 | Steerage.....$30
[illegible]80 | To London.....80
[illegible]80 | To Halifax, N. S.....15

Passengers also forwarded to Antwerp, Rotterdam, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, at reduced rates.

Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.

For further information apply at the Company's Office.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent, No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

NATIONAL LINE.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN, From Pier No. 47 North River.

ERIN, Brady, Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2 P. M.
[illegible]DENMARK, Ankerson, Saturday, Jan. 21, at 3 P. M.
[illegible]FRANCE, Grace, Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 9 A. M.
[illegible]ITALY, Grogan, Saturday, Jan. 28, at 10 A. M.

Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $75 and $85, currency; steerage, $26 currency.

Prepaid steerage tickets from Liverpool, Queenstown, Londonderry and Glasgow, $26 currency.

For further particulars apply at the Company's [illegible] Broadway.

F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

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(VIA QUEENSTOWN.)

[illegible]ATING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.

[illegible] LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN [illegible] COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-[illegible]ower iron-screw steam-ships from

[illegible]NO. 6 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WED- [illegible]NESDAY

[illegible]ANA, Capt. GUARD.....Jan. 18, at 2½ P. M.
[illegible]MANTAN, Capt. FORSYTH..Jan. 25, at 9 A. M.
[illegible]CITY, Capt. SPENCER....Jan. 25, at 11 A. M.
[illegible]OTA, Capt. T. W. LEMON.....Feb. 1, at 2½ P. M.
[illegible], Capt. PRICE.....Feb. 8, at 9 A. M.
[illegible], Capt. DERBY.....Feb. 15, at 2½ P. M.

[illegible] passage, $80, gold.

[illegible] passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $30, cur-[illegible]ency.

[illegible]freight or cabin passage apply to

WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 61 Wall-st.

[illegible]LY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

[illegible] GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPA- [illegible]NY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW- [illegible]YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

[illegible] IN PARIS.....WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18
[illegible]INGTON.....SATURDAY, Jan. 28

[illegible] passage apply to

[illegible] MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 58 Broadway.

[illegible]IFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COM- [illegible]PANY'S THROUGH LINE TO

CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.

FREIGHT AND PASSAGE GREATLY REDUCED.

Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:

First Class. $135 to $170, according to the location of berth. | Steerage. $60.

These rates include berths, board and all necessaries for the trip.

Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon

ON THE 1ST AND 16TH OF EACH MONTH:

[illegible] when these days fall on Sunday, then, the day

One hundred pounds of baggage free to each adult. Medicines and attendance free.

JAN. 16, HENRY CHAUNCEY, Capt. A. G. GRAY, connecting with MONTANA, Capt. CAVERLY.

Departure of 20th every month will touch at San Juan del Sur, Guatemala and Punta Arenas.

Steamer AMERICA will leave San Francisco Feb. 1, 1871, for China and Japan.

All freight for San Francisco will go fast, and be received until 2 P. M. of Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Freight for Central American and South Pacific ports will be received until 4 P. M. on Wednesday, Jan. 18, only. All the usual facilities afforded shippers of merchandise inland and abroad.

For freight or passage tickets, and all further information, apply at the office, Pier No. 42 North River.

F. R. BABY, Agent.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.,

CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.

The fast iron screw Company's steamer COLUMBIA, Capt. W. Van Sicen, will sail Jan. 26, at 5 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.

For freight or passage apply to

A. W. DIMOCK, President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.

[illegible]ATIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY [illegible]running regularly every THURSDAY, at 2 o'clock P. [illegible], from Pier No. 4 North River.

[illegible]RO CABAÑAS, Capt. R. ADAMS.....Jan. 19
[illegible]ANA, Capt. R. MACKAY (Late Victoria).....Jan. 26
[illegible]COURT, Capt. J. R. EDWARDS.....Feb. 2

For freight or passage apply to

A. W. DIMOCK, President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

HAVANA, CIENFUEGOS AND VERA CRUZ.

[illegible] York and Mexican Mail Steam-ship Line, [illegible]om Pier No. 17 East River, at 3 P. M.

[illegible]TLA, Phillips.....Wednesday, Jan. 18
[illegible]OF MERIDA, Dorrance.....Saturday, Jan. 28
[illegible]ATRA, Phillips.....Tuesday, Feb. 7
[illegible]OF MEXICO, Timmerman.....Friday, Feb. 17

For freight or passage apply to

J. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 32 Broadway.

[illegible]passage goes to Havana only; takes no passengers.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.,

THE FLORIDA PORTS,

AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSEN- [illegible]GER LINE.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA AND AT- [illegible]LANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.

FOUR STEAMERS A WEEK,

[illegible]NDAYS, THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

THE STEAM-SHIPS

[illegible]RGO, Capt. BULKLEY, TUESDAY, Jan. 17, [illegible]om Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.

MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents, Nos. 61 and 62 South-st.

[illegible]RMAN LIVINGSTON. Capt. CHESEBROUGH, [illegible]RSDAY, Jan. 19, from Pier No. 36 North River, [illegible]3 P. M.

LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents, No. 58 Liberty-st.

[illegible]AN SALVADOR. Capt. NICKERSON, SATURDAY, [illegible]h, from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M.

WM. R. GARRISON, Agent, No. 5 Bowling-green.

[illegible]TGOMERY. Capt. FAIRCLOTH, SATURDAY, [illegible]m, from Pier No. 13 North River, at 3 P. M.

R. LOWDEN, Agent, No. 26 West-st.

[illegible]ances by this line ONE-HALF PERCENT. [illegible]perior accommodations for passengers.

[illegible]ight rates and bills of lading in connection with [illegible]and Gulf Freight line.

[illegible]ight rates and bills of lading in connection with [illegible]Railroad of Georgia, to all points.

[illegible]OWENS, | GEORGE YONGE,
[illegible]Agent G. R. R., | Agent A. & G. R.
[illegible]No. 139 Broadway. | No. 409 Broadway.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT,

[illegible]and fast, low freight.

[illegible]ell-known Bremen side-wheel steam-ship

BIENVILLE,

J. B. BARRE, Commander,

[illegible]leaves Pier No. 29 North River, on SATURDAY, [illegible]at 3 P. M. Through bales for Mobile, Galves- [illegible], Indianola and Brazos, to be reshipped at New-Or- [illegible]leans.

[illegible]freight or passage, having superior accommoda- [illegible]ply to

LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 58 Liberty-st.

[illegible]steamship VICTOR will follow from Pier No. 29 [illegible] River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 28.

F. H. MALLORY & CO., No. 132 Maiden-lane.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.

Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should never leave Paris without one; their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from the multiplicity of cares and troubles respecting passports, examination and conveyance of luggage; in securing the best accommodation, in protecting the traveler from imposition, and an infinity of annoyances to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Competent and trustworthy couriers and traveling servants may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 3 Rue Vivienne, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

SHIPPING.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.

UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY.

REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 2d of every month:

MERRIMACK, Capt. Webb, Jan. 23,
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. R. L. Tinklepaugh, Feb. 23.

NORTH AMERICA, Capt. G. B. Slocum, March 23.

These splendid steamers sail on schedule time, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage apply to

WM. R. GARRISON, Agent, No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

SAN DOMINGO LINE FOR PUERTA PLATA, SAMANA, SANTO DOMINGO CITY.

The United States Mail Steam-ship, TYBEE, Capt. E. A. DELANOY, will leave for the above ports on her regular day. For freight or passage apply to SPOFFORD, TILESTON & CO., No. 39 Broadway.

DELAWARE AND NEW-YORK S. S. CO.

Pier No. 1 N. R.—The steamer Falcon will leave for Lewes, Del., every Tuesday at 3 P. M., taking freight for all points on the Junction and Breakwater and Delaware Railroads. Returning, leave Lewes every Saturday at 4 P. M., or on arrival of the train. For freight and passage apply at office on pier.

STEAMBOATS.

NARRAGANSETT STEAM-SHIP CO.

NEW-JERSEY SOUTHERN RAILROAD LINE. NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA, VIA SANDY HOOK AND LONG BRANCH. WINTER ARRANGEMENTS.

The steamers NARAGUA, Capt. JOHN BROWN, and JESSE HOYT, Capt. JAMES SMILY, leave Pier No. 29 North River daily (Sundays excepted) as follows: MAGENTA at 4 P. M., connecting at Sandy Hook with accommodation train for Philadelphia; JESSE HOYT 4 P. M., connecting with way-train for Tom's River. For Fort Monmouth, Navesink, Middletown, Red Bank and Shrewsbury, connecting at Junction with 5 A. M., and at Port Monmouth Pier with 4 P. M. boat. Philadelphia freight received as lowest rates up to 6 P. M. and forwarded with dispatch. Way freight at 4 P. M.

JAMES FISK, Jr., President.

M. R. SIMONS, Managing Director.

NARRAGANSETT STEAM-SHIP CO.

FOR BOSTON,

Via FALL RIVER, touching at NEWPORT, DAILY, (SUNDAYS EXCEPTED,) AT 4 P. M., From Pier No. 29 North River, foot of Chambers-st.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

The splendid steamers

NEWPORT, Capt. A. G. SIMMONS, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. | OLD COLONY, Capt. B. M. SIMMONS, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

FREIGHT RECEIVED UP TO 4 P. M.

JAMES FISK, Jr., President.

M. R. SIMONS, Managing Director.

FOR BRIDGEPORT AND ALL POINTS on Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroads; fare, $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 12 noon every day. (Sundays excepted.)

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD AND THE NORTH.—Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 3:15 and 11 P. M., connecting with road

RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.

Trains leave 30th-st. as follows:

8:00 A. M., Chicago express, drawing-room cars attached.

10:00 A. M., Special drawing-room car express for Chicago. No accommodation for way passengers except in drawing-room cars.

10:45 A. M., Northern and Western express, drawing-room cars attached.

4:00 P. M., Montreal express, drawing-room cars attached.

6:20 P. M., First Pacific express, with sleeping-cars through to Watertown, Syracuse and Canandaigua (daily.)

8:00 P. M., Second Pacific express, with sleeping-cars attached, for Rochester and Buffalo. Also for Chicago via both L. S. and M. C. Railroads, for St. Louis via Toledo, and Louisville via Indianapolis. This train will leave at 9 P. M. on Sundays.

11:00 P. M., Night express, sleeping-cars attached.

7:20 A. M. and 2 and 5 P. M., Poughkeepsie trains.

9:00 A. M., 3:15 and 6:40 P. M., Peekskill trains.

3:15 and 6:40 P. M., Tarrytown trains.

3:40, 7:20, 9:10 and 10:15 A. M., 12 M., 1:20, 3, 4:25, 5:10, 8:10 and 11:30 P. M., Yonkers trains.

9:00 A. M., Sunday train for Poughkeepsie.

C. H. SMITH, General Passenger Agent.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1870.

NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA RAILROAD.

FROM FOOT OF CORTLANDT-ST.

FREIGHT AND TRAVEL SOUTH RESUMED.

The ice blockade of the Potomac River is broken, and travel South resumed by the Washington, Aquia Creek and Richmond route. Trains leave New-York at 9:30 A. M. and 9:30 P. M., making connections for Richmond, Charleston, Savannah, Augusta, Atlanta, Macon, Mobile and New-Orleans.

Ticket-office foot of Cortlandt-st. and depot Jersey City.

F. W. JACKSON, General Superintendent.

F. W. RAWLIN, General Passenger Agent.

JAN. 16, 1871.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—A COOK'S SITUATION BY A very respectable North of Ireland woman; excellent cook; makes all soups, gravies, hard sauces of all kinds, pastry, jellies, creams, side dishes of all kinds, &c.; country or City; best City testimonials. Call at No. 326 4th-av.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT GIRL, A situation as nurse; can take a baby from birth and bring it up on bottle if required; is competent to wash and iron; is an excellent seamstress; has the best of City reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 56 West 17th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTant Englishwoman as first-class cook; understands all kinds of jellies, ice-creams, pastry, &c.; can roast and broil and make all kinds of soups; has the best recommendations; no objection to the country. Apply at No. 340 4th-av.

WANTED—BY AN ENGLISH PROTESTant woman, about thirty, a situation as governess or nursery governess; speaks and teaches French, music, drawing, &c., or housekeeper and good seamstress; fully competent; best City testimonials, &c.; country or City. Apply at 326 4th-av.

WANTED—AT BOOKHAM'S, NO. 326 4TH-av., situations for a large number of professed Protestant and other cooks, waitresses, nurses, laundresses, chamber-maids, Americans, Englesh, Irish, Scotch, French, German servants, suited in good situations.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, gentlemen's or ladies' washing at her own house, or to go out by days' work. Can be seen at all times at No. 226 West 32d-st.; the best of City reference can be given.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT GIRL, A situation as nurse in a private family; competent to take charge of a baby from its birth; no objection to travel with a lady; best City references. Call at No. 715 6th-av., between 46th and 47th sts., in the store.

WANTED—A WAITRESS' SITUATION BY a very respectable young woman; is a thorough waitress; will take chamber and waiting; understands to wash and iron, getting up salads, &c.; has the best testimonials; country or City. Call at No. 326 4th-av.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG WOMAN, A SITuation as chamber-maid and waitress; would assist in the washing and ironing; would go a short distance in the country; good reference. Apply at No. 625 West 36th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A HIGHLY respectable young married woman as wet nurse in a private family; has the best of reference. Can be seen for two days at No. 363 9th-av., between 30th and 31st sts.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG woman to wait on a lady and sew, or care for grown children and light chamber-work; good testimonials as to character and capabilities. Address or call for two days at No. 306 East 12th-st., upstairs.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE PROTestant girl, a situation as cook; thoroughly understands her business; can be seen until suited; the best City references given. Call at No. 247 West 10th-st., fifth floor, front room.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT WOMAN, A situation as first-class laundress; understands fluting and doing up linen and fineres in superior style; City or country; excellent reference. Call at No. 124 West 33d-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as first-rate cook; understands her business thoroughly; will be found trustworthy, with unexceptionable City reference. Inquire at No. 250 West 18th-st., near 8th-av., in the store.

WANTED—BY A COLORED WOMAN FROM the south, a situation as cook, washer and ironer; is fully competent for all branches of cooking. Call at No. 1,294 Broadway, near 33d-st., second floor.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG woman, a situation as waitress and chamber-maid, and willing to make herself generally useful. Call at No. 209 West 26th-st.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE GIRL, A situation to take care of children; understands hair-dressing for children; or will do plain sewing. Call at No. 218 West 27th-st., Room No. 14.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS cook by a respectable woman; excellent baker; willing to assist with the washing; best City reference. Call at No. 201 6th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A FIRST-class cook; an excellent baker; understands all kinds of meats, soups and desserts; unexceptionable reference. Call or address No. 145 West 29th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable girl as chamber-maid and seamstress; four years' excellent references. Call or address No. 124 West 33d-st.

WANTED—A GIRL WISHES A SITUAtion in a private family as cook, washer and ironer; best of City reference. Call or address No. 220 1st-av., near 14th-st., first floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS FIRST-CLASS laundress; would prefer the country; good City reference. Call at 115 West 15th-st., front basement.

AT BEDELL'S, NO. 340 4TH-AV., a well-recommended servants, in every capacity; can find the best City and country places; cooks, laundresses, chamber-maids, nurses, girls for general house-work, &c.

COLORED SERVANTS, MALE AND FEmale, for every capacity, supplied at shortest notice from SIMMS'S Intelligence Office, No. 541 6th av., fourth door above 32d-st.

AT CARPENTER'S EMPLOYMENT House, corner 11th-st and 6th-av., situations wanted for first-class American, German, English and Irish servants, all well recommended.

ATTENTION.—FIRST-CLASS GERMAN, French, Irish and American male and female help can be found at No. 133 6th-av., near 10th st.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A WIDOW woman as seamstress; understands all kinds of family sewing and dress-making; would go out by the week or month; has her own machine; the best of reference given. Call for two days at No. 341 West 54th-st., near 8th-av., first floor.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT WOMAN, A situation as seamstress, or as nurse and seamstress; has lived in both capacities; unexceptionable references from families in the City with whom she has lived for a number of years. Call or address for two days No. 796 8th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable Protestant girl as waitress, or as chamber-maid and waitress, in a small, private family; good City reference from last place. Call or address No. 425 3d-av., near 30th-st., two flights up.

WANTED—A COOK'S SITUATION BY A very respectable young woman; will assist in washing, or do the washing for a small family; country or City; is a very good good cook has the best references. Call at No. 335 4th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A COMPEtent woman as first-class cook; understands cooking thoroughly; is an excellent baker; is neat in her kitchen; best City reference. Call at No. 208 West 27th-st., near 7th-av., first floor.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG Protestant girl, a situation as chamber-maid and plain seamstress. Can be seen for two days at No. 254 East 36th-st., third floor, back rooms.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG WOMAN, A SITuation as laundress; understands French fluting, fine muslins, &c., and has excellent City references. Apply at No. 349 4th-av.

WANTED—BY A COMPETENT INFANT'S nurse, a situation in a private family; understands the care of an infant from its birth; good City recommendations. Apply at No. 340 4th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTant young woman as first-class laundress; good City reference. Apply at No. 196 East 17th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY AN EXCELlent cook; best of reference. Call at No. 16 Jefferson-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTant girl, as laundress in a private family; can give good reference. Apply two days at No. 274 4th-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable young woman to do washing in a small private family; she is a competent person, and fully understands her business; best City reference from her last place. Call or address for two days at No. 112 West 33d-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS CHAMBERmaid and waitress in a private family, by a respectable young girl; best City reference given. Can be seen at No. 67 3d-st., corner of 11th-st.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG WOMAN, A SITuation as cook; has good City reference; will assist in washing and ironing, if required. Call for two days at No. 16 East 22d-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A YOUNG girl as seamstress and chamber-maid; operates on Wheeler & Wilson's machine, and understands hair-dressing. Call or address No. 322 East 33d-st.

WANTED—BY A GOOD GERMAN WOMAN, a situation to do general house-work; is willing and obliging. Call at M. HILD'S, No. 127 Nortolk-st.

MALES.

WANTED—A GARDENER'S SITUATION, by a married man who has the best of City references; understands the care of graperies, both hot and cold, as well as flowers and vegetables; can lay out a new place. Address G. G., No. 9 John-st., as seed-store.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN by an Englishman, who thoroughly understands his profession; less the very best of references from the last eight years' employ; to be seen for two days. Call at Bonner's harness-store, No. 57 West 23d-st., between 5th and 6th avs.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG man, a situation as coachman or groom; no objection to the country; best references. Can be seen at present employer's for two days, M. J., D. Wright's, No. 29 West 36th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER by a young single man, a Protestant; thoroughly understands his business; a permanent situation desired; four years' reference as to character and capability. Address C., Box No. 201 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS A FIRST-class coachman, by a colored man; can give the best of City reference. Call or address for three days J. H., No. 23 West 29th-st., at Sitting's harness-store.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT MAN, A situation as waiter in a private family; perfectly understands his business; best City references. Call or address WM. L., at 1 Morris' store, corner 12th-st. and University-place.

WANTED—BY A COLORED WAITER MAN from the South, a situation, or would go as coachman; City or country; is capable for either capacity, and has the best of City references. Call at No. 1,294 Broadway, near 33d-st., second floor.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable young man, single, as first-class waiter or butler; good City reference. Call or address J. D., No. 40 East 18th-st.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT MAN, married, a situation as coachman; has excellent City reference. Can be seen at, or address WM. L., No. 625 2d-av., top floor, corner 34th-st.

WANTED—A COACHMAN'S SITUATION by a single man; has the best City references. Call or address F. C., Baldwin's carriage ware-room, Broadway, corner 10th-st.

WANTED—A COACHMAN'S SITUATION by a single young man; is sober and steady, an excellent driver and a good plain gardener; good City reference. Address T. S., Box 227 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable young colored man as coachman or waiter; the best of reference given as to character and capability. Call for two days at No. 323 East 20th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS PORTER; has first-class references. Address F. P., Box No. 118 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A MAN, 27 years of age, as porter; has best of references. Address R., Box No. 220 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN by an American; best reference from last employer. Address W. G., No. 626 2d-av.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable Protestant married man as coachman and groom; no objections to the country; best City reference. Call or address H. H., private stable, No. 235 East 20th-st.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A FARMER who thoroughly understands his business; best of reference from last employers. Address J. T., Croton Landing, Hudson River.

TO BANKS, INSURANCE COMPANIES, &c.—Wanted, employment by a middle-aged American man as night or day watchman, or surveyor, or any other employment where honesty and sobriety are required; undoubted testimonials. Address R. D. PRICE, Box No. 114 Times Office.

HELP WANTED.

WANTED—AN INTELLIGENT BOY, ABOUT 15 years of age, for general office work. One who lives with his parents, and is under good influences, may address, with references, O. P., Box No. 181 Times Office.

WANTED—A GOOD COOK; A PROTESTant; none need apply unless well recommended. Call at No. 41 East 12th-st., near Broadway, before 12 o'clock.

WANTED—A COMPETENT GIRL AS WAITress. None but those with City references need apply, from 9 to 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, at No. 10 East 40th-st.

WANTED—A COMPETENT WAITER FOR a private family; one who has had experience as a barber preferred. Address Box No. 2,264 Post-office.

WANTED—IN A PRIVATE FAMILY, A cook to do part of washing. Call at No. 21 West 32d-st.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of GOTTLOB KNOLL, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said Court against the estate of Gottlob Knoll, of the County of New-York, of the State of New-York, in said district, adjudged a bankrupt upon the petition of his creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him or to his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy to be holden at No. 152 Broadway, in the City of New-York, in said district, on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1871, at 12 o'clock M., at the office of Mr. Henry Wilder Allen, one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said Court.

GEORGE H. SHARPE, Marshal.—Messenger.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In Bankruptcy.—In the matter of CHARLES E. BALLIERE, bankrupt.—To all whom it may concern: Notice is hereby given that a second general meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt will be held at the office of James F. Dwight, Esq., Register in Bankruptcy in charge of said case, No. 7 Beekman-st., in the City of New-York, on the 7th day of February, 1871, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purposes named in the 27th section of the act of Congress entitled "An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, approved March 2, 1867."—Dated Jan. 6, 1871. F. C. BOWMAN, ja10-law2w Tu* Assignee, &c., of Charles F. Balliere.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—DISTRICT OF NEW-Jersey, ss.—At Newark, the 7th day of January, A. D. 1871.—The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of MATTHEW B. DEY and CHARLES T. LAIRD, of the township of South Amboy, and JOHN W. DEY, of the township of South Brunswick, in the County of Middlesex and State of New-Jersey, within said district, and heretofore transacting business at South Amboy aforesaid, under the firm name of Dey, Laird & Co., who have been adjudged bankrupts upon their own petition by the District Court of said district.

E. N. MILLER, Assignee, &c., No. 752 Broad-st., Newark, N. J.

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BOARDING AND LODGING.

TO LET, WITH BOARD—ONE HANDsomely-furnished large room; third story, front; hot and cold water; pantries; bath on same floor; location unexceptionable; references. Apply at No. 48 East 21st-st.

TO LET, FURNISHED—TWO OR three rooms, on parlor floor, to one or more gentlemen; also, room on third floor; references exchanged. No. 45 East 18th-st., between Broadway and 4th-av.

A SUITE OF FURNISHED ROOMS, with private table, consisting of parlor, large bedroom and dressing-room, in an old-established house. None but those of the highest respectability need apply to STYPHER & CO., No. 537 Broadway.

NO. 13 EAST 28TH-ST.—A FEW PLEASant rooms, separately or together, for a family or party of gentlemen, with board; also single rooms. French cooking.

NO. 7 WEST 25TH-ST.—A SUITE OF handsomely-furnished rooms; parlor and two bedrooms, bath, &c., on first floor; house and location desirable; opposite Hoffman and adjoining St. James.

ONE HANDSOME SUITE OF ROOMS, in first family, offering home comforts; private table if desired; moderate terms. Apply at No. 278 4th-av., nearly opposite Calvary Church.

NO. 148 EAST 28TH-ST.—TO LET—Handsomely furnished front and back room, second floor, together or separate, with or without board; bath, water-closet, &c.; table boarders taken.

NO. 343 WEST 23D-ST.—A COMFORTable room with fire and board for one person, at $10 per week; also, a room for two, $14.

THIRD-STORY FRONT ROOM TO let to a gentleman without meals: private family; reference. Call at No. 78 Lexington-av.

TO LET—IN A PRIVATE FAMILY, A front room, with bedroom attached, with or without partial board. Inquire at No. 23 East 17th-st.

SEVERAL NEWLY-FITTED ROOMS to rent, unfurnished. No. 217 East 20th-st.

SAVINGS BANKS.

EXCELSIOR SAVINGS BANK.

No. 358 6th-av. | Booth's Theatre.

Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS from 6 to 8.

Money deposited ON OR BEFORE JAN. 20 will draw interest FROM JAN. 1.

Interest at 7 per cent. per annum will be paid on all sums remaining in bank Jan. 1, deposited on or before July 20 and Oct. 20, 1870. Also, AN EXTRA DIVIDEND of 1 per cent. on all sums of $1,000 and under, deposited before Aug. 1, 1869.

If not withdrawn, interest will be credited the account and draw interest from Jan. 1, same as a deposit of money.

WILLIAM M. GILES, President.

ISAAC S. BARRETT, Secretary.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION,

NO. 96 WARREN-ST., NEW-YORK,

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST allowed on all sums. Deposits made on or before 20th of January will draw interest from Jan. 1. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President

VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

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Corner 3d-av. and 26th-st.,

All deposits made on or before Jan. 20 will draw interest from Jan. 1.

Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS from 6 to 8 o'clock.

SPENCER K. GREEN, President.

WM. B. BIBBINS, Secretary.

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The Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, (Chartered by the Government of the United States.) NO. 185 BLEECKER-ST.

DEPOSITS OVER $2,000,000.

INTEREST paid or compounded, free of all taxes, THREE TIMES in each year, or every THIRTY days, as depositors prefer. A SPECIALTY made of allowing interest from date of each deposit on sums of $50 and upward. Married women have exclusive control over their money deposited in the National Savings Bank, and it is strictly private and confidential. Deposits can be sent by EXPRESS, or bank draft, or postal money order. All deposits payable ON DEMAND, with interest due.

Send or call for circular.

Open daily from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M., and MONDAYS and SATURDAYS from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.

JOHN J. ZUILLE, Cashier.

EXTRA DIVIDEND.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK, Canal-st., corner of Laight.

The Board of Trustees have THIS DAY declared the usual half yearly dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT.; also an extra dividend of ONE PER CENT. (being FOUR PER CENT. for the current six months,) to all depositors entitled thereto; payable on or after Jan. 20.

If the Interest is not withdrawn it will be credited the account, and bear interest from Jan. 1, as an original deposit.

ASSETS, $8,284,945 05.

Money deposited on or before Jan. 20 will bear interest from Jan. 1.

JOHN McLEAN, President.
N. J. HAINES,
W. S. WHITLOCK, } Vice-Presidents.

G. S. CHAPIN, Treasurer.
T. S. ADAMS, Sec'y, at J. Morris' store, corner 12th-st. and University-place.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1870.

INTEREST FROM THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH.

CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK,

No. 58 Bowery, corner of Canal-st., New-York.

Present rate of interest, SIX PER CENT. on all sums from $5 to $10,000.

Money deposited on or before Jan. 20 will bear interest from Jan. 1.

Interest calculated from the 1st of the month following the day of deposit, and is computed and paid, or credited, Jan. 1 and July 1, on the amount in bank on those days.

Bank open EVERY DAY from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on

MONDAYS and SATURDAYS from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M.

E. A. QUINTARD, President.

SEYMOUR A. BUNCE, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK.

Nos. 1 and 2 3d-av., opposite Cooper Institute.

THIRTY-FIFTH DIVIDEND.

JANUARY, 1871. By direction of the Trustees of this Bank, the usual semi-annual interest at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum, will be paid on all sums entitled thereto on and after THURSDAY, Jan. 12, or, if not withdrawn, will be added to the account and draw interest from Jan. 1.

DEPOSITS made on or before Jan. 20, will draw interest from Jan. 1.

SIX PER CENT. allowed on ALL SUMS of $5 and upward. One Dollar received.

ISAAC T. SMITH, President.

THE BANK FOR SAVINGS, NO. 67 BLEECKER-ST., (OPPOS

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too palpable to need extended comment. One side of the Mona channel being already under Spanish rule, the possession of the Bay of Samana would give the absolute control of the main entrance to the Caribbean Sea, with the political and military consequences that would flow from that fact. After sacrificing many thousand lives in endeavoring to force monarchical institutions upon a people, who, as represented by the Consular officer of the United States, were of the opinion that America should be ruled by Americans, Spain abandoned the contest.

THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

About the month of August, 1865, a Provisional Government was established, and a call was made for the election of delegates to a Convention for the purpose of framing a Constitution. A strong feeling in favor of a more intimate connection with this country found immediate expression in the Consular correspondence. Under date of the 18th of August, 1865, the consular officer of the United States wrote to the Department that in the month of August, 1854, our Government sent here the United States flag-ship *Columbia*, Commodore NEWTON, with Gen. GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN and other engineers, who surveyed the Bay of Samana for the purpose of obtaining a naval station in that first of bays in the Antilles. If such should still be the mind of our Government, "I am sure it could be obtained."

THE COUNTER REVOLUTION.

Before the Convention to frame a new Constitution met, the Provisional Government was superseded by what the Consular officer styled "a counter revolution," and Gen. JOSE MARIA CABRAL was by proclamation announced as the "Protector of the Republic," (dispatch of Sept. 25, 1865.) In the same paper the Consular officer says: "Indeed the influence of our glorious Republic is well nigh omnipotent here." On the 26th of the same September the Convention for framing a Constitution met, eight days having been spent in the election of its members.

ELECTION OF BAEZ AND WHAT FOLLOWED.

On the 27th of October following, Gen. CABRAL resigned his position as Protector of the nation, and the Convention that followed the departure of the Spaniards appears to have been chosen by the election to the Presidency of Gen. BAEZ as the representative of the idea of universal suffrage, and by the adoption of a Constitution in December, which was, on the subsequent April, (1866,) set aside and a former Constitution, adopted in 1854, substituted in its place. The Consular officer styles the proceedings with which this was done as a farce. The third article of the first title of this Constitution is probably the one referred to in the resolution of the Senate, "The territory of the Republic is and shall remain inalienable." Gen. BAEZ appears to have acted as President until the following August, (1866,) when three military chiefs, JIMENTAL, GARCIA and LUPERON, calling themselves the "Triumvirate of the Republic," forcibly drove him from power, and issued decree for the election of a President by a direct, universal, free and spontaneous vote, to be held during three days of the current month. It will be observed that this election was called and held in direct violation of the provisions of the Constitution of 1854, which provides for an electoral college, to be chosen by limited suffrage. The vote polled was very small, and Gen. CABRAL was returned with great unanimity. (Dispatch of Sept. 9, 1866.) Mr. SOMERS SMITH, who had just been appointed consul-general Agent, reports that he felt sanguine that any arrangement that might be desirable could be effected advantageously. The new Government lost no time in conveying to this Government its willingness to part with some of its possessions in the Bay of Samana. The manner in which this ultimatum was made, and the steps which were taken by this Government, cannot be better described than in the language of my predecessor, Mr. SEWARD.

SAMANA OFFERED FOR A LOAN.

On the 8th of November, 1866, Señor JOSE G. GARCIA, Secretary of State in charge of Foreign Relations of the Dominican Republic, addressed a "very confidential" letter to the Secretary of State of the United States. In that letter Señor GARCIA inquired of the undersigned whether, in view of the deplorable condition to which the Dominican Republic had been reduced in consequence of the unequal contest which it had maintained during two years with the Spanish Monarch, the United States would be disposed to advance to that Republic $1,000,000 in the character of a loan, on just, equitable and reasonable conditions. Señor GARCIA expressed a desire to learn, also, whether the Government of the United States would be disposed to give to the Dominican Republic, on credit, a number of pieces of heavy artillery, sufficient to meet the necessities she had for them, because all that she had were broken up in her fortifications before the then recent Spanish war. Señor GARCIA solicited a confidential reply. Señor GARCIA'S letter was accompanied by a dispatch of the same date, from JOHN SOMERS SMITH, Esq., United States Commercial Agent at San Domingo, to the Secretary of State. Mr. SMITH stated in that dispatch that he had been requested by the Dominican Government to address the undersigned on the subject of such a loan as has been before mentioned. He stated that the necessities of the Dominican Republic impelled it to obtain a loan from some quarter, and it addressed to the United States in preference to European Powers. Mr. SMITH stated the nature of the financial embarrassment of the Dominican Republic, and he also set forth its condition in regard to debts and revenues. He stated that the Dominican Government was desirous of purchasing certain munitions of war, and a small steam propeller for packet or other service. Mr. SMITH further stated that the Dominican Government is very liberal in granting privileges to parties desiring to explore and work the numerous and valuable mines with which the country abounds, and that a great revival of business was anticipated to take place soon, from the vast resources of that favored country, so rich in mines and valuable woods, and a soil unsurpassed in the West Indies, and that it was confidently expected that the revenue would soon be adequate to meet all expenditures in connection with the loan for which they applied; that he (Mr. SMITH) had been authorized to offer the United States the use of the coal mines of Samana, for such purposes and for such time as might be agreed upon if satisfactory arrangements could be concluded. Mr. SMITH represented that the possession of Levantado and Barenero would be of great advantage as a naval station, commanding as it does the transit from Europe to the Gulf of Mexico through the Mona passage. Mr. SMITH stated that during the then recent Spanish annexation, the Spanish marines used Levantado as their head-quarters, and Barenero was a coal depot; that the adjacent Republic of Hayti was menaced with European war, while war was actually being carried on between Spain and the South American Republics of the Pacific, and that the Dominican Government was apprehensive that if that war should extend into the waters of the Caribbean Sea, Spain might in that event seize again on her old position at Samana. In conclusion, Mr. SMITH added that he was desired to request of the Government of the United States, that in the event of their declining to accede to the proposition for the loan, it would consider as confidential the offer of this Government to lease the islands in the Bay of Samana, as its publication might be prejudicial to the Dominican Republic in her relations with other Powers.

EFFORTS TO PURCHASE IT.

The United States have long desired, for naval, political and commercial reasons, to obtain a station in the West Indies. The proposition which the Dominican Government submitted furnished grounds to expect that those desired advantages might be secured through some arrangement with the Republic which would afford a moral guarantee of its independence and a harbinger of prosperity and welfare. Induced by these considerations, the Assistant Secretary of State, attended by Rear-Admiral PORTER, United States Navy, on the 8th of January, 1867, proceeded to the City of San Domingo, invested with ample power, to conclude, subject to ratification by the Senate of the United States, a convention with the Dominican Republic for the cession or lease of the peninsula and bay of Samana, provided that in the judgment of the Assistant Secretary, with the concurrence of the Admiral, that peninsula should be found to offer the advantages which were sought. The Assistant Secretary was authorized to offer $2,000,000, payable half in coin, and half in arms and ammunition of war, as a consideration for the proposed cession. He was instructed to require a full sovereignty of the United States over the territory to be ceded, and was authorized to pay part of the consideration money at once if the cession should be made and ratified by the Government of the Dominican Republic. He arrived at San Domingo on the 19th of January, 1867, and was cordially received. The Government of the Dominican Republic entered very frankly upon a discussion of the affair. Conferences were continued so long as they promised any favorable results. On the 22d of January, 1867, the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury transmitted a final report. He stated:

"That the Dominican Government expressed a willingness, and even a desire to make some arrangement with the United States in regard to Samana which would guarantee us in a suitable naval harbor and coaling station; that it could not consent to an absolute sale of territory without violating an express provision of the Constitution of the Dominican Republic just adopted; that it would be inconvenient to await amendments to the Constitution. The Dominican Government therefore proposed a lease of the Cayes Levantado, which command the entrance of the Bay of Samana and the use of the adjacent waters, together with certain specified privileges on the main land of the peninsula."

This measure would not answer the purpose of the United States. The Assistant Secretary, therefore, declined to entertain that proposition, and stated frankly that we wanted no place at all unless it was one which we should have absolute control over while we owned it—one which was large enough for our use, and one which we could hold, fortify and maintain against all enemies. The Assistant Secretary reported, as the result of all the discussions, that it was impracticable to conclude any arrangement at that time with the Dominican Republic on the basis of the instructions of the Department. He concluded that the project of selling or leasing the Peninsula of Samana to the United States was one which commended itself to the better judgment and sagacity of the leading minds of the Dominican Republic, but that they were reluctant to risk the responsibility of so bold a step, fearing the public sentiment or the popular prejudice of the Dominican people; that the Spanish invasion and seizure of Samana had worked a distrust of foreign Powers, a dread of foreign designs for aggrandizement, but that time and reason would, perhaps, show how unfounded these prejudices were as regarded the United States—the one Power whose presence and friendship would save them from the very evils when they dreaded, and lend peace and prosperity to them.

ANOTHER EFFORT.

On receiving this report, the President of the United States was unwilling to relinquish his desire that the very liberal propositions which had been made might yet, upon reconsideration, be accepted; and he therefore on the 20th of February, 1867, transmitted a full power to J. SOMERS SMITH, Esq., Commercial Agent of the United States at San Domingo, authorizing him to conclude a convention for the cession of the territory and waters in question, should he find it practicable, upon the same basis with those submitted by the Assistant Secretary. No progress having been made by Mr. SMITH, the power with which he was invested was revoked on the 8th of May, 1867. Friendly sentiments concerning the delicacy of the subject influced the Secretary of State to direct that no publicity should be given to these proceedings, and that no trace of them should be left on the records of the Commercial or Consular Agent of the United States, in San Domingo.

THE SUPPOSED UNPLEASANT TREATY.

At subsequent periods, during the year 1867, the Dominican Government was understood to have entered into a formal treaty with the Republic of Hayti by which those two Powers, which divide the island of St. Domingo between them, mutually stipulated that neither would in any case alienate any portion of its territories, and a proclamation was issued by the President of the Dominican Republic announcing that he had not made, and should not make any cession of the Bay or Peninsula of Samana to the United States or to any other Power. The undersigned now learns with pleasure that the treaty thus referred to was not concluded.

A DIRECT OFFER BY THE CABRAL GOVERNMENT.

It appears that the Government of President CABRAL was unwilling to rest on the failure of the negotiations with the Assistant Secretary of State. Mr. SOMERS SMITH wrote the Department, confidentially, on the 24th of November, 1867, that:

"An informal proposal had been made to him for a lease of Samana."

To which Mr. SEWARD replied on the 15th of December, 1867, that:

"It would be inconsistent with the self-respect of this Government to entertain the question which Mr. FIALLO had raised, witaout being first furnished with authentic evidence of powers of negotiation conferred upon him by the Government of the Dominican Republic."

Upon the receipt of this emphatic letter Mr. PUJOL was sent to Washington by Gen. CABRAL, with full powers, and Mr. SOMERS SMITH was confidentielly informed that

"The President in his refusal to cede territory, had acted for the dignity and honor of his country; but that affairs had become desperate and might terminate in complete anarchy. It therefore became necessary to yield to the situation, and the President had been ordered by twelve of the leading Generals in Cibon, at once to make a proposal to the United States for the lease of Samana."

These negotiatons with Cabral Government, which promised to be successful, were terminated abruptly on the 6th of the following March, (1868,) by the downfall of the administration of Gen. CABRAL and the reinstatement of Gen. BAEZ as President of the Republic, by means of a revolution.

EUROPEAN POWERS AFTER THE PRIZE.

It would seem that this failure had caused apprehension in some minds lest some European Power should avail itself of the opportunity when the United States was apparently letting slip from its grasp. The archives of this Department show inquiries on that point. On the 1st of June, 1868, the following letter appears to have been received at the Department, addressed to Hon. WILLIAM H. SEWARD, Department of State:

SENATE CHAMBER, May 30.

DEAR SIR: If you have any information with regard to any movement on the part of the North German Confederation to obtain a naval station in the West Indies, I should be obliged to you to communicate it to me. Faithfully yours,

(Signed,) CHARLES SUMNER.

The answer to this letter is not found on the files of the Department. It is to be presumed, however, that efforts in that direction at that time by European Governments were unsuccessful.

NEGOTIATIONS REOPENED BY BAEZ.

The new Government of San Domingo reopened negotiations with the United States, and on the 9th day of December, 1868, Mr. SOMERS SMITH wrote the Department:

"I have had repeated interviews for the past fortnight with President BAEZ. Gen. LUPERON has protested against any kind of arrangements between the United States and the Dominican Republic, and has written to President SALNAVE, saying that it was necessary to forbid all negotiations, adding that it was necessary to protect the negroes, the only caste that must govern this island. SALNAVE refused to agree with him, and has sent to Mr. BAEZ the communication of Gen. LUPERON. Gen. FIMENTEL has likewise protested. The only true Government that possesses power and popularity and wishes to be under the protection of the United States is that of Mr. BAEZ."

And again on the 10th of December, 1868, Mr. SOMERS SMITH wrote to the Department that since his dispatch of the previous day, Mr. DELMONTE had called on me, (hum,) at the special instance of the President, to inform me (hum) that he (Mr. BAEZ) addressed letters to the different authorities throughout the Republic on the question of seeking the protection of the United States, and had received replies from all quarters affirming that such a measure is most highly approved of, and is very popular in all parts of the country. Lastly, on the 19th of December, 1868, the same officer wrote:

"Mr. BAEZ is well aware that the Congress of the United States may not be inclined to bring about the annexation of any State or country by an act of war, or what might be construed as conquest, but only by the free and general consent of the people expressed in a constitutional manner. The Government of the Dominican Republic is prepared to obtain the national declaration by the common vote, or by acclamation, or in any form that our Government may indicate as satisfactory."

Such was the condition of these negotiations when the Administration of Mr. JOHNSON ceased.

FACTS DEMONSTRATED BY CORRESPONDENCE.

A mass of correspondence in the archives of this Department, from a variety of sources, much of which was unprejudiced, and some of which may have been biased by prejudice or interest, appeared to demonstrate the following points:

First—That the Spanish portion of the island of San Domingo was thinly populated; the estimates varied from 150,000 to 300,000 persons. Those who would appear to have the best opportunities for correct information fixed the number at less than 200,000.

Second—That the soil of that part of the island was rich and capable of a productive power beyond any corresponding extent of the Island of Cuba.

Third—That its actual production was greatly diminished by the disturbed state of its civil and political society, caused partly by the Spanish invasion, partly by the character of the population, and largely by the aggressive policy of the neighboring Republic of Hayti.

Fourth—That all parties with equal unanimity sought refuge from these disturbances in a more intimate connection with the United States, which was regarded as the natural protector of republican institutions in the Western hemisphere.

Fifth—That to this end all desired to lease the Bay and Peninsula of Panama to the United States for a naval station as a first step toward ultimate annexation.

Sixth—That the Bay of Samana was the key to the Mona channel, which was the "gate to the Caribbean Sea and the Isthmus of Panama."

POLICY OF PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS.

The policy which led several previous Administration to entertain the negotiations which have been referred to, was regarded as too well settled by a practice of nearly seventy years to be then questioned. It was supposed, in the striking language of a then recent speech in the Senate on the acquisition of Alaska that "Our city can be nothing less than the North American continent, with its gates on all the surrounding seas."

FURTHER INFORMATION DESIRED.

Nevertheless, it was thought best not to act without further information derived through accurate and trustworthy sources, of which the Administration had actual knowledge, when in the second day of June, 1869, Mr. BENJAMIN S. HUNT, of Philadelphia, a gentleman peculiarly well qualified for the mission, was instructed as follows:

The President, deeming it advisable to employ a special agent to obtain information in regard to the Dominican Republic, selected you for that purpose. The points to which your inquiries will be directed are,—the population of that Republic in towns in the interior respectively; the number of whites, of pure Africans, of mulattoes, of other mixtures, of the African and Caucasian races, of Indians, and of the crosses between them and Airicans respectively. You will also inquire and report upon the soils of the country and their production in each locality, as to the timber, dye-woods, and minerals, and as to whether any mines are worked, and the extent and value of their proceeds. You will likewise endeavor to obtain full and accurate information in regard to the condition of the Government and people of that Republic toward the United States; the character of the Government, whether it be military or civil, whether it be stable or liable to be overthrown. It is also desirable to know what the revenue of that country may be, and whence derived, and the tonnage, to be classined so as to show the proportion of its foreign trade under its own flag and under those of other countries; similar returns in regard to the coasting trade would be acceptable. You will also ascertain what the debt, foreign and domestic, of that Government may be, and where the debt may be held. Inquiry should also be made as to whether any other foreign Power may be seeking to obtain possession of any other point of that country. Generally any information tending to illustrate the condition and resources of that Republic and the character and influence of those charged with its destinies, would be acceptable.

Mr. HUNT accepted the appointment, and was making preparations for his departure when he was attacked by a serious illness, which compelled him to resign.

GEN. BABCOCK'S MISSION.

On the 13th of July, Brevet Brig.-Gen. BABCOCK, who was employed in the Executive Office, and who enjoyed the full confidence of the Government, was, in the place of Mr. HUNT, instructed to proceed to San Domingo on the same mission, and sailed from New-York about four days after receiving his instructions. The instructions previously given to Mr. HUNT were enlarged, by directing an inquiry into the issues of paper money, and as to the supposed views of foreign Powers toward that country. They may be found in Senate Report No. 234, second section, Thirty-first Congress, page 189, and also upon the third page of the correspondence confidentially communicated to the Senate, hereinafter referred to, which is herewith transmitted. The manner in which Gen. BABCOCK executed those instructions has been minutely detailed by him in his examination before the Committee of the Senate. Upon his return to Washington, Gen. BABCOCK made a favorable verbal report fully confirming the information previously in the possession of the Department as to the population of the island, the salubrity of the climate, the wealth of the soil, and the disposition of the people and Government toward annexation, and he presented as a response to his instructions certain documents. [To be found in Senate papers already in print.]

NEGOTIATIONS FOR ANNEXATION.

The results of Gen. BABCOCK'S examination were deemed favorable to the maintenance of the American policy. He was therefore directed to return to San Domingo, in order to aid Mr. RAYMOND H. PERRY, the Commercial Agent of the United States, to negotiate for the annexation of the whole territory of the Republic to the United States, and as an alternative proposition for a lease of the Peninsula and Bay of Samana to the United States, a treaty for the examination of the territories of the Republic, and a convention for the lease of the Bay and Peninsula of Samana, were accordingly concluded. [Copies of these documents are herewith transmitted, in accordance with the resolution.] The treaty did not receive the assent of the Senate. The convention is still pending before that body. The terms of the treaty require that a popular vote should be taken upon the question of annexation. The almost unanimous affirmative vote, the transcripts of which are in the Department of State, show it to have been of a spontaneous character. Mr. PERRY bears repeated testimony justifying the opinion alike of the friends of Gen. CABRAL and of the friends of Gen. BAEZ—in other words, of all the political leaders of the Republic, that the whole people desire annexation. So much of the correspondence of Mr. RAYMOND H. PERRY, the agent who signed the treaty and convention on the part of the United States, as is not printed in the Senate report, and relates to the information called for by the Senate resolution, is herewith transmitted. Some irreconcilable discrepancies will be observed in this correspondence. The communication from the Secretary of State to Mr. PERRY, which will be found upon the 284th page of said Report, comments upon the false information which he said had been communicated to the Department, and upon his disregard of his instructions.

THE OPPOSITION CAUSED BY MR. DAVID HATCH.

It is evident that nearly all parties in San Domingo were favorable to annexation, but there appears to have been a hostility to the form in which it was to be consummated, growing out of the repudiation by the BAEZ Government of the grant of salt mines to one DAVID HATCH, originally made by the Spaniards when they attempted to reassume their old dominion during the rebellion in the South, and confirmed by CABRAL during the few days that he held power. After the retirement of Spain it was found that Mr. HATCH was a naturalized Spanish subject.

DIRECT ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS ASKED.

Having thus rapidly conveyed the negotiations between the two Governments, extending over a period of twenty-five years, the Secretary of State is enabled to answer more intelligently the questions submitted to him by the President. He is asked for

Copies of all papers and correspondence relating to the proposed annexation of the Dominican portion of the Island of San Domingo, or the purchase of any part thereof, including all subsequent instructions to any agent or Consul of the United States with the correspondence of such agent or Consul.

In reply to this he has the honor to refer to the instructions of Mr. HOGAN, already noticed, and his report, with its inclosures, to extracts from and references to the correspondence with the Commercial Agent of San Domingo already made in this report; to the correspondence of this Department with Mr. RAYMOND H. PERRY in the Senate report already referred to, the extracts of the correspondence of that officer, which are herewith transmitted, and to the copy herewith transmitted of the confidential correspondence already alluded to.

Second—To the inquiry for "any protocol or convention signed by such agent or Consul."

For the protocol signed by Gen. BABCOCK, the Secretary of State refers to the Senate report already referred to, for the convention, he refers to the said confidential correspondence, herewith transmitted.

Third—"Also an account of the debt and liabilities of the Dominican Government, especially its obligations to the neighboring Republic of Hayti."

The Secretary respectfully refers to the said confidential correspondence, herewith inclosed, for the latest and most accurate account of the debt and liabilities of the Dominican Government in the possession of this Department; and it has no knowledge of any obligation which it is under to the neighboring Republic of Hayti, unless such obligation is shown in the papers contained therein.

Fourth—Also, the provisions of the existing constitution of Dominica with the same relate to the sale or transfer of the national domain."

It is not possible for the Secretary of State to determine from the archives of this Department which Constitution is now in force in the Republic. All parties alike have seemed to seek annexation to the United States as the surest hope for the future of the Republic. The Secretary of State cannot say whether the clause already quoted from the Constitution of 1854 is or is not in force. It may be that all parties regard it as inapplicable to the fundamental change in the political character of the Government, which, like annexation to the United States, changes the relations of the national sovereignty without alienating the national domain; but that it is never in force. It is clear that it is not recognized by the friends of CABRAL or of BAEZ as an impediment to annexation to the United States. The Department of State is in the possession of official information, of a secret and confidential character, fully confirming this statement, which, it is understood, that the President has transmitted confidentially to the Senate.

Fifth—Any treaty with Hayti or France by which Dominica is bound or affected.

The Secretary of State has the honor, in reply to this, to refer to the translation of the treaty of boundary made in the year 1777 between France and Spain, for determining the boundary between their respective possessions on the Island of San Domingo, and together with this to a map of the island, showing the position of this boundary to be the line now claimed by the Dominican Republic; also the ordinance of the King of France, dated April 12, 1825, herewith transmitted.

Sixth—Any communication from the neighboring Republic of Hayti, or from our Minister there, relating to the proposed annexation.

The Secretary of State has the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a dispatch from the United States Minister at Hayti, dated February 17, 1870, with its inclosures; also, a copy of a note from the Minister of Hayti at Washington, received by the Secretary of State a few hours after the introduction into the Senate of the resolution herewith answered, and a copy of the reply thereto. Although this correspondence, which is the only correspondence on the subject, did not reach the Secretary of State until after the resolution was introduced into the Senate, it is supposed to be the correspondence called for by the resolution.

Seventh—Instructions to the commanders of our naval squadrons in the waters of the island since the commencement of the late negotiations with that Republic, and the correspondence of such commanders.

No such instructions are to be found in the archives of this Department.

Eighth—Any information tending to show what European Power, if any, proposes to acquire jurisdiction of any part of the island, and if so, what part.

Information of this character is usually in a form that cannot be properly made the subject of a public official communication. The Secretary of State respectfully refers to the papers herewith submitted, together with Mr. HOGAN'S report of the late attempted occupation by Spain, to the correspondence of Mr. ELLIOT and other Consular officers of the United States, herein before quoted, to the above recited letter from the honorable Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, to the history of the relations of the leading monarchies of Europe to this continent, and to the repeated statements of such purposes and designs in the public Press to show that such an acquisition of jurisdiction was formerly contemplated, has been actually attempted during the period covered by the negotiations above narrated, and is supposed to have been within the contemplations of some European Power within quite a recent period.

Ninth—Any information with regard to the position of President BAEZ, under whom the treaty of annexation was negotiated, and the extent to which he has been maintained in power by the presence of United States vessels of war.

On the former point the Secretary of State has the honor to state that all the correspondence in the archives of the Department tends to show that, should President BAEZ fail in the effort to annex the Republic to the United States, the popular disappointment may find vent in another revolution. On the latter point he refers to the correspondence of Mr. RAYMOND H. PERRY, transmitted herewith, which tends to show that the people of the City of San Domingo were dissatisfied with the Administration of Gen. BAEZ, because more energy was not shown in taking the vote on the question of annexation, and that the presence of a United States man-of-war in the port was supposed to have a peaceful influence.

Tenth—Any information with regard to the sentiments of the people of Dominica, and the reported pendency there of civil war.

The Secretary of State has the honor to state that, except as hereinbefore set forth, he has no such information.

Eleventh—Any information with regard to any claim of jurisdiction by the Republic of Hayti over the territory of Dominica.

The Secretary of State respectfully refers to the treaty of boundary of 1777, and to the correspondence between the Minister of Hayti and this Department, for the reply to this inquiry.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed,) HAMILTON FISH.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Jan. 16, 1871.

Meddlers Warned Off.

It appears from the documents sent to the Senate today by the President, that on the 29th of January, 1870, Minister BASSETT, in Hayti, addressed a letter to the commander of any United States ship of war at or near Samana, in which he said that under instructions from the Government at Washington he had warned the existing Government of Hayti not to interfere in any manner in the internal affairs of the Republic of Dominica. Rear Admiral POOR informed President SAGET, under date of Port-au-Prince, Feb. 10, 1870, of the arrival of the *Severn*, accompanied by the monitor *Dictator*, and announced to him, under instructions from the Government of the United States, that negotiations were then pending between the United States Government and that of Dominica, and that during the existence of this negotiation the United States Government was determined, with all its power, to prevent any interference on the part of the Haytians or any other Power with the Dominican Government. Any interference or attack, therefore, by vessels under the Haytien, or any other flag, upon the Dominicans, during the pending of said negotiations, will be considered an act of hostility to the flag of the United States, and will provoke hostility in return.

The Haytian Government, through its Foreign Secretary, on the 12th of February, in a letter addressed to Minister BASSETT, said his Government was resolved to abstain from all interference in the internal affairs of the Dominican Republic, and in a formal manner had instructed its agents at home and abroad to act in conformity with this resolution; and it had not failed to give similar instructions to its Consuls at Kingston and Curacoa.

The San Domingo Commission to Sail Today.

The Commissioners appointed by the President to visit San Domingo in an official capacity and examine and report upon the desirability of its purchase by or annexation to the United States, are in this City, having arrived yesterday, and will leave this morning, in the United States steamer *Tennessee*, for their destination. The Commission consists of Ex-Senator BENJAMIN F. WADE, Hon. ANDREW D. WHITE, President of Cornell University, and Hon. SAMUEL G. HOWE, of Boston. The Secretary of the Commission is ALLEN A. BURTON. The scientific men attached thereto are Prof. W. P. BLAKE, mineralogist; Prof. FARY, of the Agricultural Department, as botanist; Prof. NEWCOMB, of Cornell University, general naturalist; Prof. WARD, of the University of Rochester, geologist; Hon. GEORGE GEDDES, President of the New-York Agricultural Society, formerly State Engineer, in the agricultural interests; and an assistant mineralogist from Yale and an assistant botanist and mineralogist from Harvard College. Gen. SIGEL goes out in a private capacity. Prof. C. F. CRAM, of Cornell University, goes in the capacity of Private Secretary to President WHITE.

It is expected that the *Tennessee* will leave Quarantine at 10 o'clock, and the company will return from their trip about the middle of March. FRED. DOUGLASS and his son also accompany the Commission.

Before Mr. WHITE'S departure from Washington, President GRANT said to him:

"I want you to probe matters to the bottom. Investigate everything. Find out and tell squarely the entire case, just as it is. I don't wish to influence you to make a report on one side or the other. I am ready to be converted, by the evidence, to the anti-annexationists, just as I hope they are ready to be converted to favor annexation. What I want is just what the country wants, and that is, the real facts. Especially investigate the evidence as to jobs, and landgrants, and any money-corruptions. Don't hesitate to expose anybody and everybody whom you may find guilty of dishonest dealings."

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

Mr. WILLIAM BAVIER, of Orange, whose auction-rooms were injured by fire last Tuesday night, says that there is no foundation whatever for the statement that there is ground for suspecting him of having set fire to the premises.

The residence of GEO. H. BISSELL, No 416 Fifth-avenue, was entered last evening by sneak thieves, who reached the second floor without observation, as the family were down stairs at dinner. They broke open a bureau drawer from which they took several diamond jewels valued at $2,000, with which they safely escaped. The case has been reported to the Police, but no clue has been obtained to either the thieves or property.

The steam-ship *City of Buenos Ayres*, which has been loading since the 15th of December, and about which her agents have been so mysterious, sailed yesterday with the following cargo: 120 cannon, 2,938 boxes of ammunition, 1,317 boxes cartridges, 412 boxes muskets, 515 boxes harness, 4 boxes buckets, 22 forges, 22 battery wagons, 101 gun-carriages.

The Teutonia Maennerchor, one of the leading German vocal organizations, celebrated its nineteenth anniversary at the TEUTONIA Assembly Rooms, on Sunday, the twenty-two Vocalists, who were the founders of the Society, only six remain. The Society at present numbers 273 members, of whom forty-nine are active singers, under the direction of Mr. GROSCHEL.

An altercation occurred last evening between WILLIAM RUTTER, tobacco dresser, No. 150 East Forty-ninth-street, and WILLIAM LYNCH, a boy, sixteen years of age, in his employ, which culminated in LYNCH'S rushing upon the other with a drawn knife, when RUTTER struck him over the abdomen, inflicting an injury which required his removal to Bellevue Hospital. No arrest was made.

Dr. FR. FRECH, a well-known German politician of this City, died at the German Hospital on Saturday, and was buried yesterday from the hospital. The deceased was a native of Baden, and was one of the numerous refugees who came to this country after the collapse of the revolution of 1848-49.

The charge of embezzling letters was made against CHARLES H. MARSHALL, at the United States Commissioner's Office, yesterday, by Mr. JAMES GAYLOR, Special Agent of the Post-office Department. A warrant was given to Deputy Marshal KEHOE for the arrest of the accused, who is now held by the State authorities at the Tombs on two separate charges of forgery.

Miss KATE FIELD describes "Life in the Adirondacks," this evening, at the Chelsea Presbyterian Church, West Twenty-second-street, just east of Ninth-avenue, for the benefit of St. Peter's Episcopal Sunday-school. The lecture is well worth hearing, and the cause well worth aiding.

JAMES QUIGLEY, THOMAS HOLMES and EDWARD KENNY, neither of whom is twelve years of age, were held for trial, yesterday, at the Special Sessions for cutting out a piece of thick glass from the show-case of JAMES MCCARTHY, No. 106 Chambers-street, and stealing $25 worth of skates.

Judge BLATCHFORD, in the United States District Court, has issued an order directing the Marshal to release the steamer *Florida* from custody, an appeal having been taken in the case by the District-Attorney.

Sheriff BRENNAN yesterday appointed Mr. PATRICK CUFF, an active Democrat in the Sixteenth Ward, as one of his Deputies.

Today is the anniversary of the birthday of BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, who was born in 1706.

BROOKLYN.

In 1856, Rev. WILLIAM HOWELL TAYLOR, in company with two fellow-students, started on a European tour, with a determination to walk through some of the principal portions, with their knapsacks strapped on their shoulders, and to, by this means, gather information in relation to all matters worthy of investigation. Soon after starting, one of the young men gave out, and left the others to pursue their romantic trip. They passed through all of the principal cities and villages in France and Germany, making copious notes as they progressed. To-night Mr. TAYLOR, who is the pastor of the Lee-avenue Presbyterian Church, in Greenpoint, will deliver a lecture, in his church, for the benefit of the Sabbath-school connected with the church, and he will give a narrative of his trip.

JOSEPHUS JINKINS was sent to the Penitentiary, yesterday, for three months, for having, while under the influence of liquor, on Sunday night, amused himself by throwing potatoes at the church-goers on Atlantic-street.

In the Court of Sessions, yesterday, Judge TROY sentenced RICHARD HARWAY to a residence of one year in the Penitentiary, for attempting to commit highway robbery.

The annual collection made on Sunday in Grace Church, Brooklyn Heights, (Rev. Dr. B. H. PADDOCK, rector,) for missions, amounted to $10,000.

NEW-JERSEY.

A jury impaneled by Justice MARTIN, of Bayonne, to inquire into the circumstances of the death of Mrs. ABBY VAN BUSKIRK, an aged colored woman, rendered their verdict at a late hour last night, after nine hours' deliberation Twenty witnesses were examined, and the testimony proved that Mrs. VAN BUSKIRK started to go home on Saturday night from the Bayonne Grove House, deeply intoxicated, and was found dead on the back road, near Newark Bay, on Sunday afternoon. The report that there were marks upon the ground, showing that the body was dragged a long distance, was shown to be untrue, and the jury rendered a verdict that the woman died from intoxication and exposure.

JAMES NORMAN, nineteen years of age, fatally shot himself at Chester, Morris County, on Saturday. He was gunning, and while loading one barrel of his gun he neglected to lower the trigger upon the other barrel, which was loaded. In ramming home the charge, the trigger fell and the contents of the barrel entered his head, tearing off a portion of the scull, and inflicting fatal injuries.

JOHN MORAN, whom it was supposed had been fatally stabbed by his wife on Warren-street, Jersey City, on Wednesday last, is still alive, and may possibly recover. His wife has been arrested and is still held.

A State Temperance Convention in the interest of the "local option" project will meet at the Opera-house, Trenton, today. A petition in favor of the passage of such a law will be presented to the Legislature.

One hundred and fifty conductors and brakesmen have been discharged on the Morris and Essex and adjoining roads on account of the strike in the Scranton region.

The ferry-boats *Delaware* and *Pavonia*, of the Erie line, yesterday collided, damaging the former to such an extent as to necessitate her lying up for repairs.

The coal miners' strike has thrown over a thousand laborers out of employment in the City of Newark alone.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The market for American Securities opened quiet and steady, becoming easier toward 1½ P. M. Stocks opened quiet, and were dull at 1½ P. M. The following table shows the state of the markets during the day:

	11½ A. M.	1½ P. M.
Consols for money	92½	92½
Consols for account	92½	92½
United States 5-20s, 1862	90¼	90¼
United States 5-20s, 1865, (old)	89¼	89¼
United States 5-20s, 1867	88¾	88¾
United States 10-40s	88	88
Erie Railroad Shares	19	19
Illinois Central	110	110
Atlantic and Great Western	28¼	28¼

[The closing quotations were not received last night.]

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 16—1½ P. M.—COTTON—The market opened firm and remains unchanged: Middling Upland, 8d.; Middling Orleans, 8¼d. The sales of the day are estimated at 12,000 bales. BREADSTUFFS—Wheat, 10s. 1d. @10s. 7d. ₱ cental for the high est grades of No. 1 to the lowest grades of No. 2, New Red Western Spring, and 11s. for Red Winter. PROVISIONS—Pork 91s. @91s. 6d.; Bacon, 50s. for Cumberland cut.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—Spirits TURPENTINE, 35s. ₱ cwt. American HOPS dull and declining, quoted at £2 @ £3 10s. PETROLEUM—Refined, 1s. 8d.; Spirits, 1s. @ 1s. 1d. Common ROSIN, 6s. 3d. @6s. 6d.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 16.—COTTON firm with a good demand; Middling, 14¾c. @14¾c. FLOUR firm and scarce; Family, $6. WHEAT firm and scarce at $1 20@$1 22. CORN dull and drooping at 50c. @52c. RYE—Forward scarce at 85c. OATS steady, with a moderate demand; No. 2, 41c. @42c. BARLEY firm, with a fair demand for prime to choice at 90c. @$1; lower grades flat. PROVISIONS unchanged and unsettled; stocks withdrawn for higher prices. Mess PORK sold at $21. LARD held 12c. @12¼c.; buyers of Bulk MEATS at 7¾c. for Shoulders, 10¼c. @10¼c. for Sides, but little offered. Sugar-cured HAMS—7c. for Shoulders, 9c. for Sides, 11¼c. @13¼c. for Hams; all offered were taken. BACON not offered to any extent; nominal rates 9¼c. for Shoulders, 11¼c. @12c. for Sides. HAMS, 11¾c. @12c. for Sugar-cured. LIVE HOGS in active demand, and advanced to $8 80@$7 10; receipts, 4,500 head. WHISKY in fair demand, and advanced to 87c. EXCHANGE par.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16.—COTTON firmer; Middling Uplands, 15¼c. @15¾c.; Middling Orleans, 16c. GUANO firm and unchanged. FLOUR quiet but firm; Superfine, $4 62½@$4 75; Extras, $4 75@$5; Spring Wheat Extra Family, $6 87½@$7; Pennsylvania do., $6 25@$6 50; Indiana and Ohio do., $6 87½@$7 25; Fancy, $7 50@$8. WHEAT held firmly; Western Red, 95c. @97c.; Amber, 99c. @$1 00. RYE commands 90c. CORN firm; Yellow, 74c.; Mixed Western, 71c. @73c. OATS held at 57c. @58c. COFFEE firm; Rio, 18c. @15¼c.; Laguayra, 18¼c. gold. SUGAR and MOLASSES unchanged. PETROLEUM steady; Crude, 10¼c.; Refined, 23¼c. WHISKY steady; Western Iron-bound, 90c.

Beef CATTLE dull this week; sales, 1,300 head; extra Pennsylvania and Western Steers, 8c. @8¼c.; fair to good, 6¼c. @7¼c.; common, 4c. @6c. SHEEP in fair demand; sales, 10,000 head at 5c. @6c. HOGS in good